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OUTLINES.

The trial of Thornton J. Hains, at Flushing, N. Y., charged with aiding and abetting his brother, Captain Hains, in killing William E. Annis, practically closed yesterday with testimony favorable to the defendant——Instead of closing its case against the Night Riders at Union City, Tenn., yesterday, the State offered more evidence by former night riders, going to show who were in the raid when Lawyer Rankin was killed at Reelfoot Lake, and that certain night riders threaten to kill the court officers and night riders who turn State's evidence. 14 men in Humphrey county, Tenn., have been arrested for white capping. ——Further developments in the sensational development of wholesale corruption in Pittsburg, show that certain banks paid $176,000 in bribes to the councilmen in order to secure the city's deposits of funds——Because of protests, 550 moving picture shows in New York have been closed because they exhibited immoral pictures——For his Christmas dinner President-elect Taft, at Augusta, Ga., will have pheasants sent to him from Ambassador Reid at London——In the United States Circuit Court in Atlanta yesterday, Georgia prohibitionists won a victory in a case involving the constitutionality of the prohibition law——R. G. Dun & Co's. Weekly Review of Trade reports that conditions are improved and that manufacturers are confident——Scores of telegrams from prominent men and labor leaders are being sent to President Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders under jail sentence at Washington, expressing sympathy and indignation. William J. Bryan says the labor leaders did their duty and Judge Alton B. Parker declares that the Judge's decision abridges the right of free speech and a free press as guaranteed under the constitution. ——Miss Florence Jones, a prominent Richmond woman, was attacked and almost killed in her home by an unknown assassin last night——Dr. M. C. McCracken, a dentist of Cameron, W. Va., shot his wife and attempted suicide——New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 1-2 to 3 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 3, offered at 3 1-4. Flour dull but steady. Wheat irregular, No. 2, 1.05 3-8 to 1.06 7-8 elevator. Corn firm, No. 2. 65 to 65 1-4 to arrive elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.30, middling gulf 9.55.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

In order that employes of the Star may enjoy the Christmas holiday, following a long precedent with the daily newspapers of Wilmington, there will be no issue of The Morning Star tomorrow. We wish each and every one of our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, promising to greet them as usual on Sunday morning.

We hope you will have a merry Christmas.

Next week the saloons will go out of business. The question is: Will the blind tigers take their place?

The best wishes of the season to the readers of the Star. May you have a happy and joyous day.

The blind tiger is a new animal in this section of the State; but we are afraid our people will soon form his acquaintance.

The judge who is trying those night rider cases is doing his duty; but in this case as in all others, it rests with the jury. Will the jurors do their duty? is the important question.

Today week the force of revenue officers will be greatly reduced. There will be the time for the law and order league members to get busy, for there will be a plenty of work for them to do.

We do not see why the President should have struck the horse ridden by a young lady unless he wanted to gain for himself notoriety for a character entirely different from any he has yet enjoyed.

The House committee is in session awaiting to hear what the President has to say about that secret service matter, but he does not seem to be in a hurry to explain what he meant. That's Roosevelt's style.

Today is the time to test human nature. The man who has any "milk of human kindness in his soul" will be apt to let it be shown today. Remember that there are a great many people who will have no Christmas pleasures except such as are contributed by the charitably inclined.

We suppose the public will know in a few days who will be the new judge of the Federal court in this district. Of course the appointee will be a Republican. We do not see any use in going out of the district for a man to fill the place. As good material can be found in the district as anywhere else and we do not see why the President should look to any other section for a candidate.

WITH THE PYTHIANS

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Delightful Christmas Entertainment Given by Clarendon [illegible]

PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN

Annual Affair of This Order Which Proved Delightful to Large Number Given at Pythian Hall Yesterday.

One of the most enjoyable events in connection with the Christmas season was the entertainment and Christmas tree given early last evening by the members of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, at their palatial hall on North Front street, complimentary to the wives and children of their living and deceased members.

There were a large number of ladies and children in attendance and the occasion proved one of the most pleasant ever given by the Pythians.

In the lodge room the interesting impromptu exercises were held, these having been in charge of Col. Walker Taylor, chairman of the judiciary committee of the Grand Lodge, and an ardent member of Clarendon Lodge who acted as master of ceremonies. In welcoming the guests of the evening Col. Taylor spoke most eloquently of Pythianism, its aims and objects, and what it means to its members. He urged on the wives that they should insist on their husbands attending the meetings and predicted fine things for the lodge if the united membership would work together.

Following Col. Taylor's address Miss Vevie Fales very beautifully rendered "Angels and Shepherds," and this beautiful poem, so appropriate to the season, was greatly enjoyed and heartily applauded.

Little Miss Eunice Tucker then charmingly recited "So Was I," and the clever effort of this little lady brought down the house.

As tokens of appreciation of their efforts a fine copy of Emerson's poems was presented to Miss Fales and a box of stationery was given to Miss Tucker.

While splendid music was being played by the Boston Italian band, which rendered several popular selections during the evening, the children were escorted into the parlors, where the brilliantly lighted and heavily laden Christmas tree was glorious sight which met their expectant eyes. Old Santa Claus, in typical costume, as portrayed by Mr. J. F. Littleton, was then presented to the little folks by State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt and he passed among them generously distributing the beautiful presents. Every child was the recipient of a present and the ladies were given souvenir boxes of candy.

The evening was one of rare pleasure and it marked an auspicious beginning for the merry Christmas season for all those who were present.

MR. C. H. DOLLAR DEAD

End Came Wednesday at Home of Parents in Durham.

Friends in this city were sincerely grieved yesterday to learn of the death of Mr. Claude H. Dollar, which occurred on the preceding afternoon at the home of his parents in Durham, he having gone there only a few weeks ago in the hope that the change would result in better health. Mr. Dollar was, until his departure a short time ago, a well known and well liked citizen of Wilmington and the news of his demise has brought sorrow to many friends.

The deceased was in the 32nd year of his age. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Typographical Union. During his residence in Wilmington Mr. Dollar was employed by the Wilmington Stamp Works and the Morning Star, he having been highly esteemed by his employers.

The funeral over the remains of the deceased will be conducted in Durham and the interment will take place there.

Promotions at the Murchison Bank.

Recently several changes of an interesting nature have taken place at the Murchison National Bank, which has resulted in the merited promotion of several of the bank's faithful employes. Mr. John Sprunt, who was the head bookkeeper, recently accepted a position with the Royster Guano Company in Norfolk, and he was succeeded by Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr., the assistant bookkeeper, Mr. Smith having been succeeded by Mr. Adair McKoy, who was promoted from the mail table. Taking the vacant positions are Messrs. L. B. Smith, Clayton Smith and Mr. Gallagher.

New 'Bus For The Orton.

A handsome new 'bus for the Orton Hotel was received yesterday by the Orrell Livery Company from the manufacturers, Wrenn & Son, in Norfolk. The new vehicle has a seating capacity of sixteen. It has a dark green body and the lettering is in white. It is equipped with rubbed tired wheels.

Come, hark to the sound of trumpet call!
It is speaking to you; indeed to us all:
"Fall into rank," Fall into rank.
And put your Christmas money
In The Peoples' Savings Bank. ••

AS A MARK OF ESTEEM

Beautiful Bronze Tablet Placed in Jas. Walker Memorial Hospital in Appreciation of Interest Shown by W. H. Sprunt.

Several days ago a handsome bronze tablet was placed in the annex of the James Walker Memorial hospital, in appreciation of the generosity of Mr. W. H. Sprunt, the donor of the building. The tablet was a personal gift from the members of the Board of Managers of that institution, acting as a body, and it was intended as a mark of the esteem in which Mr. Sprunt is held by those who have in charge the management of that institution.

In acquainting Mr. Sprunt with their action, the following letter was sent to him by the secretary, Mr. Geo. R. French:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1908.

Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, Vice President, Board of Managers of The James Walker Memorial Hospital, City.

My Dear Sir: Your associate members of the Board of Managers appreciating your great interest in the hospital work, and the zeal you have always manifested in increasing its efficiency and enlarging its capacity and especially recognizing your great liberality and benevolence in the donation of the Building for the use and benefit of the Colored people, thereby aiding in their better care and comfort and enlarging and extending the benefits of the Hospital to that class of our fellow citizens, have had prepared and placed in position on said building, a bronze tablet commemorative of this act of generosity on your part, and to be a monument and memento to future generations of this public benefaction from your hands. The Board of Managers have thought it a pleasant thing for them to do at this season of "Good will towards Man" to present this tablet memorial to you, as an expression of their admiration of those qualities of mind and heart which you have displayed in this and other acts of Christian Kindness, and to ask that you accept of the same as their free will offering.

Your associate members of the Board desire that I state they all join in wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Permit me to add my personal regards and well wishes for your future health and prosperity.

Very truly yours,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
Secretary Board of Managers James Walker Memorial Hospital.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Thomas McLaurin is Arrested—Interesting Trial Next Wednesday.

Accused of forging the name of Emma Brown, a colored woman, by which means he obtained money on an insurance policy, Thomas McLaurin, colored, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Piver and was recognized for trial in Justice Bornemann's court next Wednesday.

An interesting trial is promised, counsel being employed to represent both parties. Joseph W. Little, Esq., will appear for the Brown woman and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., will represent the accused.

The Brown woman alleges that McLaurin forged her name to the policy left by her sister, Betsie Brown, and that he obtained the entire amount the policy called for, and refused to surrender the money. McLaurin denies the charge.

Burnett Held For Higher Court.

A case of some consequence investigated at the session of the Mayor's court yesterday, was that charging Charles Burnett, colored, with being a nuisance, the case originating from the fact that Burnett, when arrested for an affray with "Kid" Lloyd had a number of obscene pictures in his pocket and it was later proved that he had been showing them to various people. Mayor Springer placed him under a bond of $50 and in default of same he was committed to jail to await trial in higher court.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in The Morning Star, especially those using yearly contracts, are earnestly requested in future to furnish us with copy for their changes for the Sunday edition certainly not later than Saturday at one o'clock. Where large space is used, copy for changes should be furnished not later than Friday afternoon, this not only for the convenience of the office but because in handing in early copy, patrons receive a more artistic display of their announcements and fare much better as to position in the paper on the day that the advertisement appears. The Star would very much dislike to make any arbitrary ruling as to the lateness which advertisements would be received in change of copy, but the tendency with so many advertisers recently has been to put off the matter until the latest moment Saturdays and Saturday nights that it has been impossible to give them the care and attention which patrons have a right to expect and several times changes have had to be deferred altogether. We believe that this notice will be sufficient with most advertisers to assist us in the present dilemma of an overrun of changes on Saturday, especially at night.

REPORT OF JOYNER

Summary of Two Years Progress in Education in North Carolina.

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction—Farmer Commits Suicide—Saturday a Legal Holiday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—A summary of two years progress, summary of general outline of two years progress and a statistical summary of two years progress, are features of the biennial report of State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner to the State Legislature, filed with Governor Glenn today. He asks that there be as little change or interference with the present school law as possible. He wants each county required to expend at least $200 annually for county teachers institutes, asks that the special appropriation of $200,000 to help make four months school terms be continued, with an amendment requiring each school district aided out of the second hundred thousand to raise as much for the purpose by special tax as is received from this State fund; make terms of county boards of education six years; empower county boards of education to order compulsory attendance for any school district where the majority so petition; that "farm schools" be established, one such school now near the A. & M. College, he believes could be established for ten or fifteen thousand dollars with the cost of maintenance about $5,000, the institution to be managed along lines observed by Wisconsin.

The report shows a total increase of $490,442 in the annual school funds raised by taxation, State, county and school. In addition there were raised by bonds $551,096, and by private subscription $193,875; 252 new special tax districts have been established, making 719 for building and improving school houses $1,008,604, have been expended; gain in rural libraries 500, making 2,050.

Superintendent Joyner asks the Legislature to add $1,200 to the superintendent of colored and Indian normal schools, filled by the late John D. Duckett, so the position can be changed to "Inspector and Director of Teacher-Training Work," and a man of the best professional training and experience appointed who could supervise the entire teacher training work of the State and look after the county teachers institute work, co-operating with the State Superintendent and being under his direction.

On his return from Washington and Greenville today Governor Glenn issued a proclamation relative to the observance of Christmas Day as a legal holiday in this State, and making an appeal to the people of the State to observe the day as becomes the celebration of the birth of the Savior.

Bennett Wall, an aged and highly respected farmer, took his own life by blowing off the top of his head with a shot gun at home, two miles from Raleigh this morning. He was beside himself with grief over the conduct of two drunken sons, who had brought three gallons of whiskey to the house the night before, making a "rough house." Wall was in poor health.

A proclamation by Governor Glenn designates Saturday, December 26th, as well as Friday the 25th as a legal Christmas holiday. The proclamation was declared by the Governor to be at the earnest request of various business institutions throughout the State.

MRS. ADELAIDE COLEMAN

Aged Lady Passed Away Yesterday After Short Illness.

Friends in the city will learn with sincere sorrow, of the death of Mrs. Adelaide Coleman, which occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial hospital, where she was carried early in the day, death resulting from dropsy of the heart a few hours later.

The deceased was 70 years old and had been living with her daughter, Mrs. M. V. Ward at Delgado. Surviving, besides her daughter, are a number of relatives in this city.

The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, officiating. The remains will be carried to Whiteville on the early train today, and the interment will be in the family burying ground.

Christmas on the Seminole.

The officers and crew of the Revenue Cutter Seminole will enjoy Christmas in this port and while no special exercises will mark the day, yet it undoubtedly will prove a happy occasion to all.

Various athletic contests which were anxiously contemplated for today will take place at another time. A swell and elegant dinner has been prepared for the men and few in the city will fare better than those on the Seminole.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH

Football Game For Amateur Championship Between Wilmington and Savannah This Afternoon at League Park.

At New League Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a football game between the Wilmington and Savannah teams, for the amateur championship of the South, and it is expected that there will be a record breaking crowd in attendance. Both of the elevens have made exceptionally good records this season and the contest between them, it is believed, will be the hardest fought and most cleverly played ever seen in this city.

The local team is in the finest possible condition for the game and the men are prepared to put up the game of their lives. Although the locals have played some hard games this Fall they have not met a single defeat, and they are determined to end the season without marring this record. The Savannah team, which reached the city on the late train from the South at an early hour this morning, is reported to also be in the pink of condition, and this means, judging from the team's record, that they are prepared to put up a strenuous struggle for the championship.

The coaches of both the elevens have been putting the men through some strenuous work recently, and the game today will be one of the best exhibitions of football, as played under the new rules, that has ever been witnessed in Wilmington.

Captain Smith of the locals has the following splendid material to choose from, and the eleven selected to do battle for Wilmington this afternoon will undoubtedly be the most aggressive aggregation that has ever been seen on the local gridiron: Smith, VanGlahn, Peschau, Tucker and Parsley, of the A. & M.; Nine, of Maryland; Grainger, of Princeton; Grant, of Sewanee; Wilkinson, of Davidson; and Williams, Grant, W., Terry, Newkirk, Jacobs and Hashagen, of local fame.

The game will be called at 4 o'clock and this will give all lovers of the sport ample time to finish their Christmas dinners and then attend the game. The admission will be 50 cents, with children half fares, and no extra charge being made for vehicles.

ROCKY POINT NEWS

Graded School Has Carolina Day Exercises—Other Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Our neighbor Mr. "Jim" Turner had a severe case of acute indigestion last night. His sufferings were alarming for a while but we are thankful to state that he has entirely recovered.

The Rocky Point Graded school went through the "Carolina" exercises yesterday before a large and appreciative audience under the tutelage of Prof. Jerry Jerome and Miss Jeanett Moore, everything passed lovely and "the turkey hung high."

Miss Sarah Pick Hines, of Faison, delighted our people Tuesday night with readings, impersonations, etc. She is truly an artist in her line.

Several quarts of ripe strawberries were shipped this week from here, and the plants are white with blooms. Farm and mill work are suspended for the holidays.

The forecast today is for a cloudy Xmas. A large Xmas tree will be pulled or plucked off by the children Friday night. No collection, a free show and no hat passed around, nor oyster stews, nor ice cream for sale. Everybody can come free!

Wedding in "Colored High Life."

William Johnson, dean of the staff of Atlantic Coast Line porters in the general offices in this city, is soon to relinquish "single blessedness" for "connubial bliss" according to very neatly printed invitations with which William's friends about the big building were favored yesterday. The bride-elect is Ida Tate, daughter of Elijah Tate, a highly respectable colored citizen of Willard, N. C., and the home of the bride's parents there will be the scene of the wedding on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30th, at 3 o'clock.

Handsome Christmas Presents.

As a mark of esteem and high regard, the clerks in the local freight department of the A. C. L. yesterday presented handsome Christmas presents to Mr. A. J. Moore, local agent, and Mr. E. A. King, chief clerk, consisting of a beautiful silver service of five pieces, as a gift to Mr. Moore, and a cut glass berry set to Mr. King. They were presented with the compliments of the clerks, and were received with heartfel words of appreciation.

Returns From Short Cruise.

The revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday after a cruise of a few days down the coast as far as Wingate Bay. This was one of the periodical winter cruises and no wreck or other obstruction dangerous to navigation was sighted. The cutter will remain in port until the New Year and shortly afterwards will leave for a cruise of several weeks down the coast.

May your Christmas be merry,
And full of good cheer;
So bring all of your pennies
And deposit them here.
"The Peoples' Savings Bank"
Interest from January 1st. ••

XMAS EVE IN CITY

Lively Day in Wilmington With Merchants Doing Big Business.

GOOD ORDER PRESERVED

No Special Events for Christmas Day Except Football Game—Church Services This Morning. Quiet Christmas Eve.

This is Christmas day, the big day of all the year, looked forward to and celebrated alike by old and young, the season when every person gives himself up to the pleasures of the holiday, seeking as each one does in many thousands of ways to get all the happiness and brightness and to give all the joy and pleasure that are naturally associated with the yuletide season.

In many of the churches there will be special Christmas services and these will be of an appropriate and impressive character, in several of them the choirs having arranged elaborate and beautiful programmes of music, while the sermons will breathe the spirit of the day. In many homes this is indeed a festal day, made joyous by the return of absent loved ones and the presence of welcomed guests, and everywhere there is the Christmas spirit in the air. In the homes where children live the visit of Santa Claus is even at this hour being eagerly anticipated in sweet dreams, and the kindly generosity of the old saint will in a few hours be the signal for such scenes of merriment and happiness as no other occasion ever affords.

Yesterday was a fairly good day for Christmas shoppers and tardy buyers thronged the many retail stores from early afternoon until late at night. Until nearly midnight the down-town streets were thronged with merry-makers, every person in all the crowds seemingly being bent on having all the fun that was possible. The sharp, harsh crack of the bursting fire-cracker was rivalled by the ear-splitting din of the coarse-sounding horn, the unearthly clang of the cow bell and the shrill screech of the squedunk. It appeared to an onlooker that every person—man, woman and child—conceived it to be a duty to out-do his neighbor in the production of noise. With it all there was fine order preserved on the streets, and there will be no unpleasant memories to mar the recollection of Christmas eve.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the brightly decorated stores were crowded with Christmas shoppers and it is believed that practically every merchant who caters to the holiday trade did a flourishing and satisfactory business. Despite the oft repeated advice to "Do your shopping early," it was apparent that even more persons than usual had delayed the purchasing of gifts until the last. Until this week the indications were that the holiday trade would not be nearly up to the standard, but since Monday business has been brisk in nearly all lines and it is believed that the record will compare most favorably with that of the past two years, when prosperity was at its height.

Until closing time last night, when wearied clerks got their first chance for a moment's rest, the tardy buyers were making hurried selections from rapidly diminishing stocks, while the stores were sending out in express and delivery wagons the late purchases, it being the aim to have the gifts in every home by Christmas morn. Crowds of young people thronged the streets and in every place there was ceaseless movement of the crowds.

Today, as is natural with the observance of Christmas, business will be practically suspended throughout the city. The city and county offices, the banks, the Chamber of Commerce and nearly all business enterprises will be closed, and the hundreds of employes, together with the small army of Coast Line men, who always have a holiday, will be given the day for pleasure-making and enjoyment.

Although no special events have been arranged for the members of the Cape Fear Golf Club, yet the club house will undoubtedly be a popular retreat during the day and doubtless many exciting and enjoyable contests will be played during the day.

The event of greatest interest today, aside from the usual pleasures of the day, will be the football game to be played at League Park at 4 o'clock, between the Savannah and Wilmington teams for the amateur championship of the South, and this is expected to be one of the hardest fought gridiron struggles that has ever taken place in Wilmington.

The scores of ardent nimrods will betake themselves to nearby sections where they will indulge in a day's sport and return laden, perhaps, with quail, robins, and other birds.

Nearly everybody has some plans for the day and the time will pass, undoubtedly, in a pleasant and delightful manner.

The Star wishes to all its readers and friends a merry, merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

A Merry Christmas.
To all our friends and customers,
The People's Savings Bank.

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WILLIAM H. BERNARD.
Owner and Editor.

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CHARGES AGAINST ROOSEVELT.

The next thing the country knows there will be some female members of the Ananias Club. Roosevelt, of course, is not going to admit the truth of the following dispatch from Washington; but how will he explain it:

"'You know that you should not go ahead of our party,' said President Roosevelt as he rode past myself and three of the seminary girls in Rock Creek Park, near the Forest Glen entrance, on Thanksgiving Day. The President rode by fiercely, not stopping, and as he passed the foot of one of the girls was knicked from her stirrup, and the President's riding crop fell viciously upon the flank of the horse she was riding. Had she not been an excellent horsewoman, serious injury to her might have followed. The President, who seemed in a great rage, and his party rode on, not looking back. I do not know whether the blow he struck was intentional. We were unaccompanied by male escorts."

The above statement was made by Miss E. I. Sisson, instructress in a seminary for young ladies, in the State of Maryland near the District of Columbia line. This statement was made some days ago and we refrained from commenting on the same, hoping the President would make positive denial of the same, but if there has been such denial we have not seen publication of the same. We cannot believe Roosevelt would be guilty of such ungentlemanly conduct. President or not President he is too much a man to be guilty of any such ungentlemanly conduct. This is one case in which the President should come out in the open and declare his conduct in order that the people may know that he has not been guilty of such ungentlemanly conduct.

CASTRO'S STRATEGY.

The Greensboro Telegram says that when "Castro gets back to Venezuela from his quest of health abroad he will not recognize the government of his country." We would like to know if the Telegram expects Castro ever to go back. It looks to us like a well laid scheme on Castro'ss part to get out of a serious difficulty. He surely knew that there was danger for him brewing in Caracas. He knew it was a case of abdication in a decent way or being driven from the office, perhaps assassination. He was smart enouugh to get out of the way in time and make it appear that it was his absence which brought on the revolution instead of his absence being timed to escape the inevitable revolution.

In all the complaint against the courts for failure to do their duty, why should the blame be placed on the judge and lawyers? Anyone who attends the courts and pays strict attention to the proceedings will find that the greatest trouble in criminal cases lies with the jurors. They acquit too many men who are clearly proven to be guilty, and the blame is thrown on the judge and the lawyers. If the jurors would do their duty the courts would not be in such bad repute.

Hearst should feel happy. He has another law suit on his hands. The Haskell suit was of such doubtful character as to jurisdiction of the court as not to furnish sufficient entertainment to the big newspaper man. But this Rockefeller suit is one which is calculated to give him sufficient amusement.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—There have been arguments advanced against the postal savings bank which seemed worth considering, but we are unable to see much force in one argument much relied upon to defeat their establishment. For instance, a Washington paper says: "Suppose a postal savings bank is established and every postoffice is made a depository. Timid folk will remove their deposits from the banks we now have, to the injury, if not the ruin ,of thousands of worthy financiers, who do so much to advance the material prosperity of the people.—Philadelphia Times.

—Speaker Cannon says that when protests came up from "partially selfish magazines and newspapers" against the paper trust, which had increased the price 50 per cent. "the speaker refused to allow the duty to be removed." The speaker may have decided wisely, but he had no power to perform this service and should be punished even though he served the country since he violated the law by usurping authority. Who is he to make his opinion our law? We are unwilling to entrust such power to the best man living—Joseph G. Cannon is not above reproach.—Florida Times-Union.

—Mr. Schwab says Hr. Carnegie doesn't know it all. Possibly and probably not; but he knows enough to know that the tariff on steel and iron enabled him in a few short years to pile up such a fortune that it continues to accumulate faster than he can give it away, thus rendering abortive all his efforts to die poor. He also knows enough to know that this same tariff has so enriched Mr. Schwab that the latter doesn't hesitate to go up against the loaded game at Monte Carlo for any old amount and loses one hundred thousand dollars at a single hand at poker without so much as batting an eye.

—The announced intention of the President-elect to visit the Panama Canal again is to be regarded with approval and gratification. It was well that he made his former visits and that President Roosevelt also went to the Canal Zone. The moral and political effect of such personal observations is excellent upon both Panama and the United States. The isthmus is not a part of the United States and never will be, but it is and always will be associated with this country in a peculiarly close manner, and it is well that the head of our government should keep in touch with it and should make everybody in the Canal Zone realize that Colon and Panama are always within easy sight and speaking distance of Washington. —New York Tribune.

—W. L. Smith, a merchant, his son, 18 or 20 years old, and Charlie Moore, a young man, attended a banquet given by a fraternal order at Ashland, Lee county. Young Moore was attacked with a bottle by one of the Smiths, and pistols were drawn and used. The elder Smith and Moore are dead. Young Smith is in jail. Is the knowledge of having a revolver in the hip-pocket making savages of our people? Had not the Smiths been armed they would not have attacked Moore. Had not Moore been armed he would not have exposed himself to slaughter. The cause of the "bad feeling" said to have existed is not stated, but probably it had its origin in the most trivial circumstance. Undisciplined tempers and the cowardly pistol did the rest. The spirit of chivalry has almost vanished from the South, and the concealed deadly weapon is undermining manhood, and creating cowards and murderers.—Columbia State.

—A conflict between Holland and Venezuela would be in some respects reminiscent of the fabled contest between the elephant and the whale. Neither could get at the other effectively. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that one could not and the other would not. Venezuela certainly could not attack Holland on either land or sea. Holland could easily attack Venezuela from the sea, and might probably invade that country and subdue it on land, but it has not been at all likely that she would do so. It is obvious that by using Curacao as a base of operations a Dutch army could easily be landed on the Venezuelan coast in sufficient force to overcome any army which the Venezuelan government could send against it. But there is no reason to suppose that any such design has entered or will enter the Dutch mind.—New York Tribune.

—The British Government has at last apparently made up its mind that lenient treatment will serve no good purpose in checking the tendency towards disorder and rebellion in India. Although the trouble has not yet assumed the proportions of an outbreak, there have been many evidences that seditious agitation was widespread, and it was recognized with reluctance that unless these tendencies were checked the Indian Government might at any time be brought face to face with a serious rebellion. Secretary of State for India Lord Morley, having become convinced that none but drastic measures would prove effective, some time since sent secret instructions to the Indian Government. The purport of these instructions has recently become apparent in the sudden show of activity on the part of the Indian officials in dealing with agitators.—New Orleans Picayune.

TWINKLINGS.

—Noopopp—Quick! tell me, nurse, is it a boy? Nurse—No; guess again. —Life.

—"Papa, what is a nature faker?" "Any one who deceives us, my son, about the ordinary facts of nature." "Is God one?"—Life.

—Hyker—Honey is a conundrum. Pyker— What's the answer? Hyker—Everybody has to give it up.—Minneapolis Journal.

—"I hear yer frien' Tamson's married again." "Aye, so he is. He's been a dear frien' tae me. He's cost me three waddin' presents an' twa wreaths."—Dundas Advertiser.

—Reporter—Now, what was the worst money panic you ever saw? Great Financier—Last week, when a 10-cent piece rolled to the floor of a street car and five women claimed it! —Town Topics.

—Bluffton—I said something to my wife last week that offended her and she hasn't spoken to me since. Henpeck—Great Scott, man! You can't remember what it was, can you?—Puck.

—"I want somebody to report a a woman's congress said the managing editor. "Someone well versed in parliamentary language, I presume?" "Nope. Someone who understands such terms as passementerie, aigrette and the like."—Pittsburg Post.

—"On what ground," asked the lawyer, "does your wife want a divorce? Incompatibility?" "Something of that sort, I reckon," answered the man. 'My income isn't compatible with her ideas of comfort."—Chicago Tribune.

—"We find the prisoner not guilty by reason of insanity." "But the plea was not that of insanity," remarked the Court. "That's just the point we made," rejoined the foreman. "We decided that any man who didn't have sense enough to know that an insanity plea was the proper caper must be crazy."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Queer Wedding Effigy.

There is a curious custom still prevalent in the Bellary district of India in connection with the wedding ceremonies among certain Brahman families. Just prior to the close of the feasting a hideous effigy of a male figure, fantastically robed in rags, supposed to represent the bridegroom's father, is carried along the streets in procession under the shade of a sieve adorned with tassels of onions and margosa leaves. Every few yards during the procession the feet of the effigy have to be reverently washed and its forehead decorated with a caste mark by its living spouse, the bridegroom's mother. The bridegroom's other female relations have several mock attentions paid to them by the women of the bride's party.—St. James' Gazette.

Restaurant Affiliation.

The waiter in the light lunch cafe looked expectantly at the first of five men who had just entered.

"Bring me a coffee cake and a cup of coffee," ordered the first man.

"I'll take some milk biscuit and a glass of milk," said the second.

"Tea buns and a cup of tea, please," remarked the third.

"A piece of cocoanut pie and a cup of cocoa," said the fourth.

The waiter passed on to the fifth man.

"Don't say it, don't say it!" he pleaded. "I know what you want. You want a slice of chocolate cake and a cup of chocolate."

"No; I do not," protested the fifth man. "I want a plate of ice cream and a glass of ice water."—Judge's Library.

An Odd Legacy.

Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the Jefferson family of actors, was remembered curiously in the will of Weston, who was himself an esteemed member of Garrick's company. Weston's will contained this item:

"I have played under the management of Mr. Jefferson at Richmond and received from him every politeness. I therefore leave him all my stock of prudence, it being the only good quality I think he stands in need of."

Not So Blind.

"Miranda, I want to ask you to marry me and to tell me"—

"Oh, George, this is so sudden!"

—"to tell me what date you and your mother have decided on for our wedding."—Brooklyn Life.

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One Fish Didn't Grow.

A number of men were telling of remarkable catches off Atlantic City, and one of them said that one day he caught a very small cod, and, not caring to take home such a little fellow, he took a piece of copper wire, ran it through the tail of the fish, and on one end of the wire he attached a copper tag with his name scratched upon it. "The next year when I was off there," continued the man, "I got a heavy pull on the line, and after five minutes' fighting landed a twelve pound cod, and there on its tail was my tag."

"That reminds me of a similar experience off there," said another man. "I caught one of those small cod, and I wanted to hang some sort of identification on it, but I couldn't find anything in the copper tag line from one end of the boat to the other. I did find, however, a little tin whistle in one of my pockets, and, running a wire through the tail of the fish, I hung on the whistle and threw the cod back into the water.

"The following year I got a most peculiar bite on my hook, and after pulling in the line I got the surprise of my life. There was the same little cod. He hadn't grown an inch, but hanging on his tail was a long fog horn."—Philadelphia Press.

Put Through His Paces.

The wealthy Briton is confessedly the most fastidious man living as to the quality of his personal domestic service. The concentrated energy with which an Englishman will rebuke his servant for an offense so slight that the average American fails to observe it bears out the above statement. Those who propose changing servants are not content with references and a perfunctory interview with the man or maid under consideration, but insist upon a full dress rehearsal of both manners and appearance. The servant in livery is put through all his paces, must display the size of his calves, the haughtiness of his pose as well as breeding in handling a card, announcing a guest or serving at the table. Nothing is taken for granted. The master and the mistress sit by and discuss the points of groom or butler as they would those of a high priced horse or valuable dog. Domestics are taken with great seriousness by the upper class Englishmen, and for that reason nothing is left to luck in peopling the servants' hall.

Wink at Some Things.

"When you have mastered the gentle art of winking," said Lord Beaconsfield, "you hold the key to success in your hands."

Every one's personality is made up of trivial failings and trivial talents. Foster the good qualities in your friends and subordinates and wink at those failings so dear to their possessors. Not to see everything is a rule which will strengthen friendships and help you to get the best results from your fellow workers.

"He is no good," said the great Napoleon of one of his officers. "He is continually looking into the privates' stew pot!"

"I want a man who can keep his eye on the ultimate result and ignore little failings, never mind how aggravating," said Nelson. And General Gordon once remarked that the man who lost his temper because a private's boot lace was tied loosely on the day of a battle did more to lose the day than all the enemy's guns.

The Mysterious Gegenschien.

There is visible in the night sky, under favorable circumstances, a faint light, rounded in outline and situated always exactly opposite to the place of the sun. It is called the "gegenschien" and is one of the most inexplicable objects known to astronomers. According to a scientist, it may be a sort of cometary or meteoric satellite attending the earth. He supposes it to be composed of a cloud of meteors, situated about 1,000,000 miles from the earth and revolving around it in a period of just one year, so that the sun and the meteors are always on opposite sides of the earth. He estimates that the size of this ghostly satellite may be nearly the same as that of the planet Jupiter—viz, about 86,000 miles in diameter.

Court and Witness Agree.

An amusing incident occurred in one of the New York courts the other day. The lawyer for the defense was making a very lengthy cross examination of an old lady when he was interrupted by the judge with the remark, "I think you have exhausted this witness."

"Yes, judge," she exclaimed, "I do feel very much exhausted."

Quick Change.

"Who," she asked, "is that scrawny, bowlegged, ridiculous looking person talking to Miss Rockingham?"

"That is Count Brisczpicksnitzel."

"Oh! What an aristocratic, noble bearing he seems to have now that he has shifted his position so that the light strikes him properly!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Cowslip.

"I saw a cowslip by the river's brim," said the long haired boarder who had just returned from a stroll.

"I hope 'twan't one of my cows," said the practical farmer. "Did she slip clear in?"

A Surprise.

When a woman calls her husband up by telephone without his knowing who she is, she is always surprised to see how politely he addresses her at first.—Somerville Journal.

Since time is not a person we can overtake when he is gone, let us honor him with mirth and cheerfulness of heart while he is passing.—Goethe.

Africans and the Locomotive.

The children of the desert were filled with awe when first the silence of the primeval solitude was broken by the puffing of the steam engine. Down at the other end of the Cape to Cairo line the simple Matabele, when first confronted by a locomotive, were certain that the strange machine was worked by the labor of an indefinite number of oxen, which they assumed were shut up inside; hence, when the engine stopped, they gathered in curious crowds, waiting to see the door open and the oxen come out, nor could they for many days be persuaded that the power of the locomotive could come from other than the strength of the ox.

The Arabs of the Sudan, more imaginative than the Matabele, saw in the fire horses of the railway one of the Djinns of the "Arabian Nights" harnessed by the magic of the infidel to the long train of cars. The steam engine was to them a living, sentient being, of which belief there is curious evidence in the fact that on one occasion a sheik made an impassioned remonstrance against the cruelty of making so small an engine draw so huge a train.

Composite Names.

"One of the differences between the east and the northwest," said a Puget sounder, "is the names of places, and the Skikomishes, the Snohomishes, the Snoqualmies, the Wahkiakums and the lot of them give a man funny feelings, and when he runs across Bucoda, on the Northern Pacific railroad in Pierce county, Wash., he doesn't know whether it is Chinook or Siwash or what. But it is none of them—like Kenova, in West Virginia, which is near the junction of Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia, or Delmar, where Delaware and Maryland come together. Bucoda is a composite name, and its story is simple enough. When the Northern Pacific came in a town sprang up, and it must have a name. There were Indian names in plenty, but something more novel was wanted, so Messrs. Buckley, Coulter and Davis, all Northern Pacific officials, put their heads together first and their names later, and the name Bu-co-da was evolved, with an etymology very apparent to any one who is at all informed in terminology. Bucoda it has remained, and it is not half bad as names go in the Puget sound country."

Beggars on Horseback.

"'Whoa, thar,' he says, pullin' up his hoss, and then he whines:

"'For the love o' charity, kind gent, would ye be so good as to gimme a crust o' bread for meself and a handful o' oats for the old mare?'"

The sailor smiled thoughtfully and stirred his ice cream soda with a long spoon.

"Yes, Hal," he resumed, "there's actual beggars on horseback in Roosia. They travels from town to town in caravans. They beg grub for themselves and fodder for their nags, just as I been tellin' ye.

"O' course, in the Argentine, where a hoss don't cost a song, it's only natural ye should see beggars on horseback, and I ain't sayin' nothin' about that. But in China they ride, too, while there's a Maltese beggar down Malta way what even drives a spring wagon an' takes his gal along. Interrupts his canoodlin' to ask you for a copper to stave off starvation, then starts right in again where he left off."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Unaccountable Failing.

It was a severe trial to Mr. Harding that his only son's memory was not all that could be desired. "Where in the world he got such a forgetful streak from is beyond me," said the exasperated father to his wife on one occasion.

"What has he forgotten now?" asked Mrs. Harding, with eyes downcast and a demure expression.

"The figures of the last return from the election on the bulletin board." And Mr. Harding inserted a finger in his collar as if to loosen it and shook his head vehemently. "Looked at 'em as he came past not half an hour ago, and now can't tell me.

"As I said to him, 'If you're so stupid you can't keep a few simple figures in your head, why don't you write 'em down on a piece of paper, as I do, and have done all my life, long before I was your age?'"

A Candle Trick.

Let a candle burn until it has a good long snuff, then blow it out with a sudden puff. A bright wreath of white smoke will curl up from the hot wick. Now, if a flame be applied to this smoke, even at a distance of two or three inches from the candle, the flame will run down the smoke and rekindle the wick in a very fantastic manner. To perform this ceremony nicely there must be no draft or "banging" doors while the mystic spell is rising.

His Fate.

The race of consequential vergers is not yet extinct. Dean Pigoc has a story about one of them, who, when a bishop asked him at what point he was to make his appearance, replied:

"First I take the choir people to their places, and then, after they are seated, I return for you, my lord, and conduct you to the halter."—London Telegraph.

Expected Reduction.

Grandpa Macpherson—How many do two and two make, Donald? Donald—Six. Grandpa—What are you talking about? Two and two make four. Donald—Yes, I know, but I thought you'd "beat me down" a bit!—London Punch.

No Accent.

French Professor—Ah, yes, mademoiselle, you spick ze French wizout ze least accent. Miss Breezy—Do I, really? French Professor—Oh, yes—zat ees, wizout ze least French accent.

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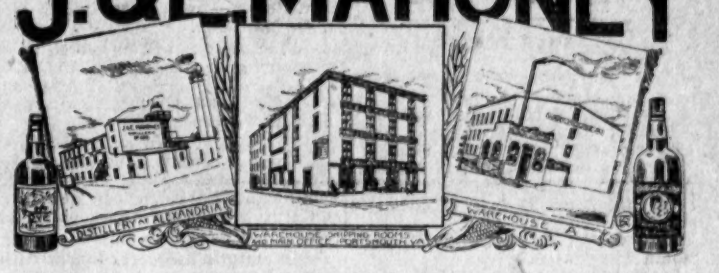

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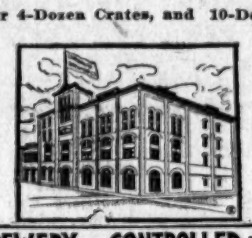

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The Morning Star.

Friday, December 25, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec 25, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 24:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 32 degrees; 8 P. M. 52 degrees; maximum 52 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month 1.98 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Thursday morning 22.2 feet and rapid rise in progress.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Friday; Saturday fair and cooler; fresh southwest to west winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 25.

Sun Rises .....7:09 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:51 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 9:03 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 11:28 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

City Livery—Your Baggage.
Academy of Music—Matinee.
Crystal Palace—Big Xmas Bill.
W. B. Cooper—Christmas Greeting.
Platt & Haar—A Merry Christmas.
R. B. Moore—Sweet Florida Oranges.
Murchison National Bank—A Merry Christmas.
American National Bank—Happy Christmas.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Rooms.
Wanted—Salesmen.
Wanted—House Servant.
For Rent—On St. James Square.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. S. Hooper will leave today for a business trip of a few days.

—Mr. R. McA. Nixon, of Lumberton, was here yesterday on a short visit.

—Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson, of Lumberton, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—A. C. DeVane will leave this morning for Charlotte, where he will visit with friends during the holidays.

—Mr. Alex M. McClure, of New York City, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McClure.

—Mr. Norman Lynch, of the Mission Pharmacy, left yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents at Bessemer City.

—Mr. W. B. Muse returned last night from New York to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Muse.

—Miss Beulah Brock returned home yesterday from Davenport College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brock.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Sprunt Newton, of Fayetteville, were Wilmington visitors yesterday and returned home last night.

—Messrs. W. E. MacDaniel and H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville, were among the visitors to the city yesterday registered at The Orton.

—Messrs. E. M. Toon, of Whiteville, and Henry T. Peterson, of Beaufort, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. Tom DeVane, of Freeport, Ill., was a guest of friends and relatives in the city yesterday and is on his way home at Kerr, N. C.

—Capt. Irving Robinson, of Elizabethtown, so well known as a popular steamboat man on the Cape Fear, was in the city yesterday.

—Dr. N. Courtland Curtis, of Auburn, Ga., was a visitor to the city yesterday on his way to Southport to spend Christmas with relatives.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the chair of Pedagogy at the State University, and formerly superintendent of schools in this city, is one of the welcome holiday visitors.

—Mr. George W. Kidder, Jr., who is a student at the University of Virginia, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kidder, on South Third street.

—Mr. Clyde Piner, an old Wilmington boy, who now holds a responsible position with the Palmetto National Bank, in Columbia, is in the city and will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Piner, during the holidays.

—Mr. John Calvert, a former popular resident, who now lives in Charlotte, where he is practicing law, arrived yesterday and will spend a part of the holidays with friends in Wilmington.

AN ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Given to Children of Her Dancing Class by Miss Kate Myers.

Miss Kate Myers very delightfully entertained the large number of children in her children's dancing class at an afternoon german yesterday and the event proved one of great pleasure to the many little folks.

The dance was given in Concordia Hall, on South Front street, which had been attractively decorated for the event. Christmas chains were suspended from the chandeliers to the windows and the walls were covered with Southern smilax.

The little tots danced gracefully the numerous figures and they were loath to leave the pleasant place.

Tonight Misses Reba and Kate Myers will give a Christmas dance complimentary to their evening classes.

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Cars to the Beach.

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A Merry Christmas.

To all our friends and customers. The People's Savings Bank.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Services at St. James' Church today will be held at 11 o'clock by Right Rev. Robert Strange, assisted by Rev. J. R. Matthews.

—Free egg-nog will be served to the members at the Elks Club this afternoon between the hours of three and six o'clock and all members are invited to be present.

—The midget team at the Y. M. C. A., offers a challenge to any basket ball organization with players averaging eighty-five pounds in weight, in the city, the contest to be pulled off during the holidays.

—An entertainment and Christmas tree will be given at Advent Christian church, on Middle Sound, Wednesday evening, December 30th, under the auspices of the Sunday School. The exercises will begin at 7 o'clock and all are cordially invited to attend.

March Walker, the faithful colored janitor at Front street market, one among the few life-long Democrats of his race, and who has many friends among the white people it is learned with regret is confined at the City Hospital and he is reported to be in a serious condition.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

Charitably Inclined Have Looked Out For Unfortunates—Salvation Army.

With their hearts filled with generous Christmas spirit the charitably inclined citizens are not forgetting the many unfortunates in Wilmington and there will be few poor families today who have not been the recipients of bountifully filled baskets from some individual or organization. Several of the lodges and nearly all of the church organizations have assisted in the praiseworthy work, while in the front ranks of all the charity workers stands the noble Salvation Army, which yesterday distributed more than half a hundred well filled baskets to as many families scattered throughout the city.

To the Army's appeal for funds for this work there was generous response throughout the city, while from the city itself, through Mayor Springer, was received a check for $50. Adjutant Teed and his co-workers spent a busy day yesterday in distributing the baskets and 62 homes were visited, where substantial viands were left in sufficient quantity to furnish delicious Christmas dinners. In each basket were the following edibles:

Potatoes, onions, apples, canned corn, hominy, syrup, sugar, coffee, bread, cornmeal, roast loin of pork and pie, and in those intended for sick persons tea and delicacies.

Tonight the Salvation Army will give its annual Christmas tree and entertainment and preparations have been made for three hundred children. The affair will take place in the Army barracks, which looks truly festive with its two beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations of the season.

The trees are filled with presents and these will be given to the children by old Santa Claus himself, who has promised to grace the occasion with his presence.

Preceeding the distribution of gifts there will be an entertainment for the children, the programme to consist of recitations, songs, dialogues, etc. Altogether the affair will be truly delightful and it will bring joy into the hearts of hundreds who otherwise could not appreciate the salute, "A Merry Christmas."

Fight Blocked the Street.

A street fight late yesterday afternoon on South Front street, between Dock and Orange, caused a little excitement in that locality and drew such a crowd that the highway was blocked for several minutes. The participants were James Xanthus, a Greek, who conducts a store at No. 118 South Front street, and Abram Green, a colored man from Brunswick county. Xanthus claimed that Green came into his store and used profane language before a lady purchaser. This led to words between the two and later resulted in a street fight. Both were arrested by Deputy Piver and after some difficulty the street was cleared. They were carried before Judge Bornemann, where they were found guilty of an affray and disorderly conduct.

Supplementary Proceedings.

P. Dinos, a Greek, who conducts a confectionery store at corner of Fifth and Castle streets, will be given a hearing under supplementary proceedings before C. C. Loughlin, Esq., appointed as commissioner, next week, following which the findings will be reported to the Clerk of the Superior Court. The proceedings are brought to determine the value of Dinos' stock by one of the creditors, F. E. Hashagen & Co., following judgment and execution. The company is represented by Woodus Kellum, Esq.

Funeral of Miss Sophia G. Campbell.

Sad and impressive funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. James' Episcopal church over the remains of the late Miss Sophia G. Campbell, there having been in attendance a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives. The services were conducted by Bishop Strange, assisted by Rev. J. R. Matthews and Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, after which the remains were borne to Oakdale for interment.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

Christmas Presents.

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The Theatre

The Academy of Music will make merry this Christmas and has a decidedly popular offering, both as to merit and price. This afternoon at special matinee the Demorest Comedy Company will be seen in the splendid modern drama," A Broken Heart." The play is one of the last successes and is one of fine plot and plenty of comedy. Between acts a swell and most merry line of vaudeville acts will be presented. The prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

Tonight the company will be seen in the well known drama, "The Parish Priest" and a new programme of vaudeville will be introduced in connection with this play. The prices will be of the small variety for this performance—10, 20 and 30 cents.

A special matinee of "Peck's Bad Boy" will be given by the company Saturday afternoon.

Crystal Palace.

This popular vaudeville theatre will also celebrate Christmas in merry style and is preparing to give its patrons most delightful performances this afternoon and tonight. The new, or change programme which went on yesterday is a clever one and will prove most enjoyable for the audiences, the large audiences, expected today. Mr. Henry Angell, Wilmington's clever blackface comedian, has proven a prime favorite at the Palace this week and, no doubt, his many admirers will be there today to greet his new act, which is really a "corker."

Last night the Palace gave away two big turkeys.

The Bijou.

"The tale of a Christmas Turkey" is the title of an appropriate film which will be the star attraction at the Bijou today. It is an original comedy, uniquely told and teeming with genuine fun.

This scene opens with Christmas Eve, showing husband and wife discussing the problem of how they can obtain a turkey for dinner. The husband has been out of work for several months and they are penniless. After fruitless discussion, the husband leaves the room in disgust.

While passing a butcher shop he notices a sign "Christmas Turkeys Cheap" He resolves at all hazards to secure a turkey, and hits upon the bright idea of pawning his suit of clothes, knowing he has another suit just as serviceable at home. Being attired in a long over coat, he enters the pawn shop, disrobes, replaces the coat which reaches almost to his shoe tops, and pawns his suit; then secures the turkey and starts home.

In the meantime his wife has written a letter to her mother stating that, owing to adverse circumstances, it will be impossible for them to eat their turkey dinner with her, and she (the wife) is going to pawn one of her husband's two suits, secure a turkey for their dinner and surprise him. The wife pawns the garments and secures her turkey.

The husband is next seen entering his apartments, placing his turkey on the table, and searching for his other suit of clothes, which he is of course unable to find. He retires to the next room as his wife enters with her turkey, and discovers that her husband has already secured one. Upon the husband's re-entrance, explanations and confessions follow, which is ludicrous in the extreme.

During the wife's absence from the room, the husband not seeing the need of two turkeys, gives the turkey purchased by his wife to the janitor, and a little later, the wife still believing that both of the turkeys are there, sends the husband's turkey to the Salvation Army.

Again confidences are exchanged and the husband finds himself without clothes and with no turkey for dinner. He attires himself in his wife's skirt, about to wander forth again, when the express agent brings in a large turkey, sent by his wife's mother. They are overjoyed at the unexpected windfall; nail the turkey on the table, and the husband with a musket and the wife a sword patrol the table guarding the third turkey. The film is replete with comedy situations, and should be a great treat owing to its novelty.

PRESENTS TO CARRIER BOYS

Given by Mr. Haddock, Manager in Southern Section of City.

As an incentive to the boys under his charge to better efforts, Mr. R. S. Haddock, in control of the circulation of the Star in the Southern section of the city, recently offered a prize to the carrier against whom there were the smallest number of complaints. A daily record was kept and when the score was counted yesterday it was found that Master Leonidas Davis was the winner, he having had the fewest charges against him. He was therefore given the prize, which proved a most acceptable Christmas present.

The race between the carriers was a close one, however, and Mr. Haddock, to show his appreciation of the faithful efforts of all his boys presented to each of them a pair of black woolen gloves, which will add greatly to their comfort on the cold winter mornings as they trudge through the city's streets delivering the paper to its subscribers.

The boys, all of whom expressed their deep appreciation to Mr. Haddock, are as follows: Henry Richter, Ferdinand Richter, Leonidas Davis, Chris Gertis and Kenneth Davis.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Crawford Shoes
Kirschbaum Clothing.
Howard Hats.

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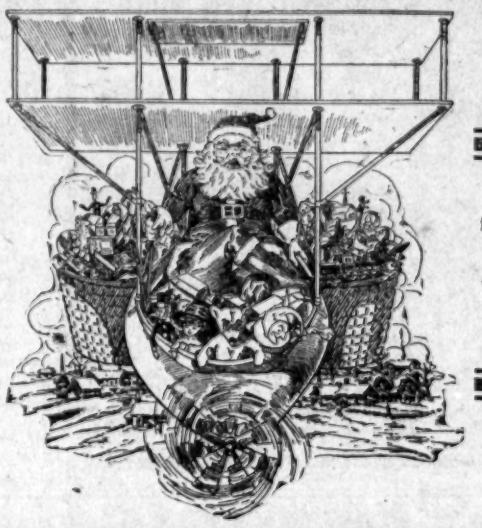
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE
"The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare"

Mexican Drawn Work
Zephy Knit Shawls
Hood, Mitts and Booties.

Fire Works and Toys

This is the store for everything. Many new ideas in fancy goods received for this week's sale.



Bed room Slippers in great variety.
New Neckwear, large assortment.
Umbrellas, all prices.
Gloves, Kid and Silk, long and short.
Hosiery, all descriptions.

TOYS! TOYS!
in vast numbers, large and small.
Carriages, Go-Carts, Automobiles.
Wagons and Horns

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Kept the Police on the Alert Last Night—Number of Arrests.

The noisy aspect of Christmas times prevailed throughout the city last night, principally in the business section, and the police were kept busy, searching for the offenders using big explosives and incidentally a number who fell by the wayside from too much drink and others for disorderly conduct were placed in the guard house and are on the police records for trial in the Mayor's court on next Saturday.

Front street by long odds proved the rendezvous for the fellows with the big cannon crackers, and the people lined the street until a late hour, but no accidents of any consequence were reported and no damage to property resulted from the festive pranks.

The City Hall, twice during the evening, was crowded with a bunch of jolly prowlers, who followed several of their number to headquarters after they were arrested and with their cow bells, horns and other noisy instruments, in keeping with the time, made the welkin ring.

Considering the fact that it was Christmas eve, and also that the advent of prohibition is near at hand, the number of arrests was comparatively small to what was actually expected. Up to a late hour only three arrests had been made on the charge of shooting explosives in the fire district. However, on other frivilous charges there was an increase over this number.

DELIVERED IN AUTOMOBILES.

Progressive Work of Wilmington Postmaster.

With his usual foresight and care for the patrons of the postoffice, Postmaster Wallace yesterday had all the special delivery packages handled by automobiles, furnished by the Auto Company, and incoming presents were delivered with the least possible delay. This service will be continued today and in anticipation of a big rush two machines have been secured.

The postoffice has been the scene of great activity for the past few days, and the volume of business transacted has reached record-breaking proportions. On Wednesday the postoffice did the largest business in its history for any corresponding day and the rush yesterday was not diminished.

Lutherans to Celebrate Christmas.

Christmas will be celebrated by the Lutherans of the city as a Church and home holiday. Next to Easter it is the most important festival of the year in the Lutheran Church. The home celebrations about the lighted Christmas trees, celebrated by the reading of the Word, the singing of carols and the distribution of gifts are held in almost every house. The Church services are for both congregation and children. At St. Paul's there will be the regular festival service this morning at eleven o'clock, with special music and a sermon by the pastor. In the afternoon the Sunday school will have a children's service in the Memorial Building at five o'clock, when the children will render a service entitled "King and Throne." Both of these services will be of interest to adults and children. The public in general is also invited to attend these services. The offerings today will be for the associated charities.

Property Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday the following transfers were made: A. J. Marshall and wife to S. P. Cowan, for $3,250, lot on Market street, 99 feet east from Ninth street, 33x165 in size; B. O. Stone to James Owen Reilly, for $600, lot on Ninth street, 156 feet from the north line of Wright street, 33x150 feet in size.

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

THE MEMORY OF WHICH WILL LINGER LONG AFTER.

Pocket and Table Knives that cut.

Silver Plated Knives, Spoons and Forks.

Jos. Rogers & Sons Carvers and Table Knives.
"The World's Standard Cutlery."

Nickeled, Aluminum and Agate Percolators, $1.75 to $10.00

Boys' Rifles—$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00.

Guns—$4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $8.25, $10.00, to $50.00. All standard makes.

Iver Johnson, Smith & Wesson, and Colts. All prices, $2.50 and up.

Manicure Sets in Leather Cases $2.00 to $5.00.

Scissor Sets in Cases, $1.50 to $5.00.

Boys' Axes.

Gun Coats.

Leggings.

Gillette Razor Sets.

One Dollar Safety Razors.

Fine Mechanical Tools

Fine Tool Kits in Morocco Leather Cases, $5.00

Boker Razors in Pairs.

Morocco Leather Cases $3 to $6.

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Have You Seen Our Imported Chinaware?

Hand painted, selling cheap on account of receiving it late.

Xmas package cigars, different prices.

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FORT FISHER SURVIVORS.

Association to Meet in Washington, D. C., on January 15th.

The executive committee of the Fort Fisher Survivers Association, composed of Wm. Lamb, president; N. M. Curtis, first vice president; Jas. A. Smith, second vice president; H. C. McQueen, treasurer, and R. W. Price, secretary, has issued a call from this city, under date of December 15th, for a meeting of the Association to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., at 12 M., on January 15th, for the purpose of bringing before Congress the matter of establishing a National Park at Fort Fisher, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly be brought up.

The committee urges a full attendance and hopes to have the best efforts of the organization put forth in getting congressional action by this Congress and a willing sympathetic President, on the bill now pending before the House Committee, appropriating $40,000 for the purchase of the site for the National park.

The establishment of this National Park is a matter of very great interest to all the survivors of the memorable conflict at Fort Fisher and every effort will be made to promote the project. It is very greatly desired that a large delegation shall attend from Wilmington and the committee would like to know as far in advance as possible what persons will likely go from this city. Reduced rates will be given on the railroads if as many as 100 delegates are present at the meeting, and convenient and suitable rooms will be secured, while every effort will be made to have a harmonious, pleasant and profitable convention.

MINTZ-McGEE NUPTIALS.

Pretty Marriage at Mt. Olive Will be of Interest to Friends Here.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Carrie McGee and Mr. Frederick R. Mintz, which was a happy nuptial event at Mt. Olive Wednesday, will be learned with much interest by their many friends in this city.

The happy occasion, witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Matthew Thomas Breazeall and they were tendered the happiest felicitations of all in attendance.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left on the afternoon train for this city and have been the guests of Mrs. James Northam at Wrightsville Sound, leaving yesterday for Southport where they will spend Christmas with relatives of the groom. The bride is a very attractive and admired young lady with a host of friends in this city. Mr. Mintz is the prosperous editor of the Mt. Olive Tribune and prior to this edited the Southport Standard for several years. He is a popular and well known newspaper man and the couple have the best wishes of their many acquaintances. They will return to their home at Mt. Olive after a visit of ten days.

DINNER TO SEAMEN.

Interesting Gathering and Pleasant Occasion at Seamen's Home.

Preceding the services at the Seamen's Home Society yesterday, between 40 and 50 seamen, who formed an interesting gathering, were tendered a turkey dinner, which proved a highly pleasing and delightful occasion for all in attendance. The dinner was prepared splendidly by Mrs. A. C. Nielsen, with the assistance of Misses Robbie MacIntyre and Annie Adrian, and it was greatly enjoyed.

The services were conducted by the chaplain, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., and the repeating of the Lord's prayer by the Scandinavians in their native language was an interesting feature.

Orrell Livery Company, 'Phone No. 47, wants to board your horses, haul your baggage, furnish your livery and will please you. 3t

CHRISTMAS AT THE FORT.

Men of 79th Company Are Anticipating a Pleasant Day.

The officers and men of the 79th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Caswell, have made preparations to celebrate Christmas day in glorious style and the occasion will be one of the happiest in the life of the men at the Fort.

Aside from various informal events the men are anticipating with keen relish a bountiful Christmas dinner that has been prepared for them and later, at 6 P. M., the officers and men will be entertained at a smoker, which will truly be of delightful nature.

The dinner today, as shown on special menu cards, which also contain the complete roster of the company, will be as follows:

Oyster Soup.
Roast Turkey, Oyster Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Giblet Gravy.
Mashed Potatoes
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Stewed Corn Celery
Mince Pie Cocoanut Cake
Coffee
Fruits Nuts

SHOWED IMMORAL PICTURES.

Five Hundred and Fifty Moving Picture Shows Closed in New York.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Moved by the protests of ministers of every denomination, who complained to him that the great majority of the 550 moving picture show establishments of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan today issued a dractic order revoking every picture show license issued by the bureau of licenses.

The order of the Mayor intimates that this revocation is only temporary but the conditions under which new licenses will be issued are such that it is doubtful if more than a third of the licenses revoked will be re-issued.

In addition to the representations made to him by the clergy of the city, the mayor had had a report from Battalion Chief Beggins of the fire department which stated that almost without exception the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with safeguards against fire and fire panic.

In making public his order of revocation, Mayor McClellan declares that his action is taken "on personal knowledge of existing conditions and with the firm conviction that I am averting a public calamity."

In Boston, Mass., yesterday the government rested its case in the trial of Cardenio F. King, formerly of North Carolina, the Boston financial agent who is under indictment on 31 counts charging larceny of $25,000. Assistant District Attorney Dwyer said, however, that he might have something more to add to the evidence already submitted and asked for a little more time. In accordance with this request, Judge Schofield granted a continuance of the case until next Monday.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

In the criminal court at Nashville, Tenn., yesterday Judge Hart said he would render his decision next Tuesday morning in the hearing of the application for bail for Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and ex-Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator Edward Carmack on November 9th, last.

Blooms but to Die.

The talipot palm (Corypha umbraculifera) of Ceylon, whose leaves are put to such numerous uses by the Cingalese, bears fruit but once during its life. This elegant tree measures about ten feet round the trunk and attains a height of about 180 feet. The flowers, the appearance of which presages death to the tree, are inclosed in a tall spathe which bursts with a loud report, disclosing a huge plume of beautiful blossom. The inflorescence is succeeded by equally conspicuous bunches of fruit. When these have ripened the tree withers rapidly and in the course of a fortnight may be seen prostrate and decaying on the spot it adorned.

He Might Have Married.

Fitz-Greene Halleck never married, yet, as Mr. Howe reminds us in his American Bookman, he could not have been without attractions, for a certain superior lady is reported to have declared:

"If I were on my way to church to be married, yes, even if I were walking up the aisle, and Halleck were to offer himself, I'd leave the man I had promised to marry and take him."

To this perhaps should be joined his epigram, written for a young lady who had asked for his autograph:

There wanted but this drop to fill
The wifeless poet's cup of fame.
Hurrah! There lives a lady still
Willing to take his name.

Playing to the Cook.

Mr. Subberton (yelling to kitchen)—Sawdust and milk crust! Adam and Eve on a raft and wreck 'em! On the cantaloupe! Draw one! Make it three all round.

Mr. Townley—Great—e-e-r, how—pardon me, old chap, but what's it all about?

Mr. Subberton—'Sh! We've got a former restaurant cook—a peach—and we have to order that way to keep her on the job!—Puck.

Pleasant For the Bride.

At the close of a wedding breakfast a gentleman noted for his blunders rose to his feet, causing keen anxiety to all who knew him. "Ladies and gentlemen," he cried genially, "I drink to the health of the bridegroom. May he see many days like this!"

Poor Board.

"I see," said Mrs. Starvem, "that a certain scientist claims we'll soon get a palatable food from wood"—

"Well," growled the cranky boarder, "it seems impossible to get it out of board."—Philadelphia Press.

It is a brief period of life that is granted us by nature, but the memory of a well spent life never dies.—Cicero.

Fear and Danger.

Nervous Old Lady (to deck hand on steamboat)—Mr. Steamboatman, is there any fear of danger? Deck Hand (carelessly)—Plenty of fear, ma'am, but not a bit of danger.

Little girls believe in the man in the moon, big girls in the man in the honeymoon.

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How Queen Bess Dined.

The setting out of the dinner of Queen Elizabeth was a ceremonious function. First came a gentleman with a rod, followed by a gentleman carrying a tablecloth, which, after they had knelt reverently three times, was spread upon the table. Then came two others, one with a rod, the other with a saltcellar, a plate and bread. They knelt three times, placed the things on the table, knelt again and retired. Next came a lady in waiting, followed by a second. The first lady, dressed in white, after kneeling three times, approached the table and solemnly rubbed the plates with the salt. Then entered twenty-four yeomen of the guard clad in scarlet and each carrying a dish of gold. These dishes were placed upon the table, while the lady taster gave to each of the guards a taste from the dish he had brought in for fear of possible poison. These guards were selected from the tallest and stoutest men in all England. At the close of this ceremony a number of unmarried ladies appeared and with great solemnity lifted the various dishes and carried them to the queen in her private apartments. The queen dined and supped alone, with few attendants, and it was seldom that any one was admitted at this time, and then only at the intercession of some one in power.

The Best Way to Starve.

If one feels bound to undertake starvation for a period, it is best, a trained physician tells us, to make the process not quite complete by eating a little at the usual intervals of fasting absolutely for a comparatively long time. This makes freak treatment quite harmless. Physiologists find that as the body is starved fat and sugar disappear first, and then the minor organs are drawn upon to support the brain and heart, continuing until no more material can be spared. Exhaustion is then very near.

Did as He Was Told.

A well known Brooklyn clergyman in a talk to his Sunday school urged the children to speak to him whenever they met. The next day a dirty faced urchin accosted him in the street with, "How do, doc?"

The clergyman stopped and cordially inquired, "And who are you, sir?"

"I'm one of your little lambs," replied the boy affably. "Fine day!" And, tilting his hat to the back of his head, he swaggered off, leaving the worthy divine speechless with amazement.

Gazelle Hunting.

Gazelles in Nubia are hunted by a powerful breed of hounds in build somewhat heavier than a greyhound. In spite of being far swifter than the hound the gazelle falls a victim from the nervous habit of constantly stopping to look back to see if it is pursued. It also expends its strength by taking great bounds in an almost vertical direction, thereby not only losing time, but exhausting itself, so that it is overtaken without difficulty.

A Game of Chance.

"I suppose," said the stranger within the gates, "the lid is on all games of chance in this town."

"Don't you believe it, stranger," rejoined the native. "The marriage license office is still wide open."—Exchange.

Wisdom From a Babe.

"What would you do, my boy," asked a professional vocalist proudly, "if you could sing like me?"

"Have some singing lessons!" replied the lad.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

Coal Used by Romans.

It is believed by some historians that coal was used by the Romans on the continent and by the Britons on the island before the arrival of Caesar. As early as 1234 Henry III. granted a license to dig coal near Newcastle, but a few years later the use of coal was forbidden in London, the smoke being deemed prejudicial to public health. In 1306 the London gentry petitioned the king against its use, declaring that in spite of his royal order certain malicious persons persisted in burning it. Coals began to be brought from Newcastle to London in 1381, during the reign of Richard II. By the year 1400 coal was commonly burned in London as a fuel, though 200 years later, in the reign of Charles I., its use was far from being general throughout England. Anthracite coal, which, except the diamond, is the purest form of carbon known, was first used by a Connecticut blacksmith named Gore in 1768 and as a domestic fuel by Judge Jesse Fell of Wilkesbarre, Pa., in 1808.

A Fairy Tale Kingdom.

The kingdom of Uganda is a fairy tale. You climb up a railway instead of a beanstalk, and at the end there is a wonderful new world. The scenery is different, the vegetation is different, the climate is different, and, most of all, the people are different from anything elsewhere to be seen in the whole range of Africa. Instead of the breezy uplands we enter a tropical garden. In place of naked painted savages clashing their spears and gibbering in chorus to their tribal chiefs a complete and elaborate polity is presented. Under a dynastic king, a parliament and a powerful feudal system an amiable, clothed, polite and intelligent race dwell together in an organized monarchy upon the rich domain between the Victoria and Albert lakes.—Winston Churchill, M. P., in Strand Magazine.

A Promise Unfulfilled.

O. Henry, the well known story writer, once promised the editor of a magazine that he would deliver a short story to him on the following Monday. Several Mondays passed, but the muse was refractory, and the story was not forthcoming. At last the wrathful editor wrote this note:

My Dear O. Henry—If I do not receive that story from you by 12 o'clock today I am going to put on my heaviest soled shoes, come down to your house and kick you downstairs. I always keep my promises.

Whereupon O. Henry sat down and wrote this characteristic reply:

Dear Sir—I, too, would keep my promises if I could fulfill them with my feet.

—Success Magazine.

A Defect.

A little girl was playing with a girl friend of her own age on the porch of her home. An elderly gentleman, her mother's father, and an elderly lady, her father's mother, were sitting on the porch talking pleasantly with each other. The little girl had often wished her grandparents were of the same name, like other children's grandparents. Presently the little guest remarked, "What a nice grandmother and grandfather you have!"

"Oh, yes," she said, with a sigh, "but they don't match."

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

SWEET FLORIDA ORANGES—For sale today at the store of R. B. Moore, No. 111 North Water street. Store open until 11 o'clock. de 25-1t

WANTED—By young man and wife by February 1st, two furnished rooms for light housekeeping in the best locality. Will consider boarding proposition. References exchanged. Address "H. A. S." P. O. Box 53, City. de 25-1t.

WANTED—High-grade hustling specialty salesman for staple line with advertising that pays. Permanent place, worth $5,000 or better to producers. AA 45, P. O. Box 470, Kansas City, Mo. de 25-1t*

WANTED—House servant. Apply at 515 Orange street. de 25-1t

FOR RENT—Lot on St. James Square facing on Orange street. Price reasonable. Terms to suit purchaser. Address P. O. Box 102. de 25-1t*

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT QUICK—30-acre farm, good house, barn, fruit trees and vines, on Shell road, three miles from the city. Address P. O. Box 906, Wilmington, N. C. de 24-6t.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 tw

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 18 tf ex su

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest Winter. Price one to four thousand $1.50, four to nine thousand $1.25, over nine thousand $1 per thousand F. O. B. Meggetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and best appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant safe line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. dec 13 16 t sun*

CYPHERS INCUBATORS, the kind you don't have to watch all night. Incubators, brooders and poultry supplies of every kind. Everything guaranteed. W. E. Merritt, 114 Princess street. se 6 sun only 3m

Huyler's,
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Lowney's
Candies.
Fresh Arrivals
Today.

E. WARREN & SON
Phone 376.
dec 24 tf

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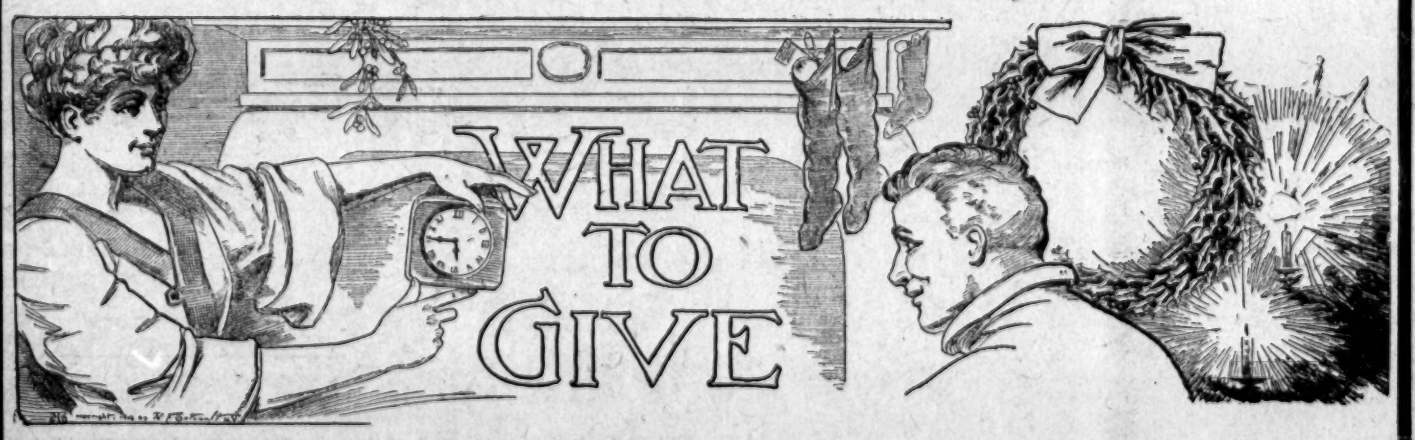
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building.
dec 1

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy."



Special Design for

We have searched the novelty markets of the North, and brought here for you suitable things for Christmas presents. Many believe in making a long profit on short-lived goods. We believe in making a short profit that will move holiday goods fast. Our stock not only contains novelties, but useful things for presents for women, men and little folks. Our counters are ablaze with things suitable for presents.

COQUE FEATHER SCARF.

A Northern manufacturer sent us by express to dispose of 100 assorted Feather Scarfs in black, navy, brown, light blue and pink.

$6.00 Scarfs, full length, only.....$2.98
$3.50 Scarfs, waist length, only.....$1.98
Fur Neck Scarfs and Muff, per set from $3.00 to $90.00

Our Carpet Department will display many useful Christmas presents, such as Lace Curtains, Portieres, Shirt Waist Boxes, Table and Couch Covers, Art Squares, Rugs, Screens and Fancy Pillows.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Our entire stock of toys have been moved on the main floor where you will find a well selected stock of toys for the children. Ample help has been employed to wait on you promptly.

For Gentlemen you will find a well selected stock of Silk Umbrellas, Hosiery, Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shaving Sets, Combs and Brushes, Etc.

For Young Ladies we are showing Gold and Silver Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Shell and Amber Side and Back Combs, Silk Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, and a thousand other useful articles. Come and see them.

Our store will be open evenings during Christmas week. We advise shopping early to avoid the rush later on and to get a selection while stocks are still unbroken.

—THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Greensboro Record: The home of Mrs. C. W. Westbrook, on West Market street was the scene of a pretty wedding last night at 8 o'clock, when her daughter, Miss Fay Dixon, became the bride of Mr. James Ralph Sykes.

—Goldsboro Argust: Mr. Basil J. Bowden, who killed Mr. Ira W. Hatch last week at Dudley, was in the city today, apparently little inconvenienced by his wound. He has retained as his counsel Messrs. I. F. Dortch, Aycock & Daniels and W. T. Dortch, of this bear.

—Monroe Journal: Mr. Archie L. Austin, who left this county 35 years ago and is now a prosperous farmer at Montgomery, Texas, arrived in Monroe today to see his sisters, Misses Isabelle, Laura and Vinie Austin. This is his first trip back since he left. He was accompanied by Mr. John Green of Arkansas.

—Salisbury Post: The Reformed church was crowded to overflowing last evening upon the occasion of the rendition of one of the most attractive Christmas season programmes Salisburians have witnessed. And that is saying much, for the Christmas exercises in the Salisbury churches are uniformily of exceptional merit.

—Tarboro Southerner: George Perry, a colored lad Sunday, fell from the roof of the golf club house, striking the ground flat on his back and was rendered unconscious and for a time it was thought he was dead or dying. In play, he had climbed on the roof and was standing on a gutter when it gave way, precipitating him to the earth. Physicians were summoned hastily, but after examination they pronounced his injuries more painful than serious.

—Rocky Mount Record: No signs of a recent financial depression are evident in the amount of mail received in this city within the past several days. The postoffice receipts of letters and parcels has shown a marked increase and a much longer time is necessary to assort this mail than has been the case during the past months. All mail on the rural routes has materially increased and today finds these carriers carrying about twice the bulk of mail as carried at any time last month.

—Winston Sentinel: The effects of the recent anti-cocaine crusade were seen in the recorder's court this morning when two more boys, the remnant of the gang that has been retailing this drug, were arraigned on the charge of selling and giving away cocaine. The negro boys in question are Bob Chandler and Wert Hill, both about seventeen or eighteen years of age, and who, according to their counsel, were not old enough to know the detrimental effect of the drug in which they were dealing.

—Winston Sentinel: Last evening at 7:30 o'clock, Colonel F. H. Fries lectured to quite a large audience at Calvary church on the subject of "The Place of Christ's Birth." Colonel Fries led his hearers from the time of the birth of John the Baptist on up to the time of the fight into Egypt. His description of the manger as it now is was fine and by the use of the splendid stereopticon views the lecture was made most interesting and impressive, even more so as the speaker had so recently visited the birthplace of our Savior.

—Washington Messenger: Tag Day was a complete success and when the boxes were opened there was the sum of $70. This was very gratifying to those who participated in the work, and the Elks are very proud of the noble work done by these matrons and young ladies worked hard and they all deserve much credit. This fund will be deposited in the bank as a separate and distinct fund for relieving the poor during the year. It will be increased from time to time and will grow. This is the kind of work that is noble and grand, and coming from the ladies who did the work is all the grander.

—Newbern Journal: There has been a good deal in the papers about the Marathen races in England and this country. Especially has the sport of running been exercised. But we have a Marathon runner here who may some day beat the winner of the big race. He is Mr. Claude Hardison and his special stunt was performed Friday night when he stepped off the east bond Oriental train at Alliance and was left. He was in a predicament but not undaunted. He hotfooted it after the train and caught it before it left Bayboro running a distance of two and one-half miles in ten minutes. Mr. Longboat, loow out for your newly acquired laurels.

—Statesville Landmark: Forestry is one of the most important things pertaining to our future material welfare. Our people who are interested in this matter—and all of us should be—will be pleased to know that Mr. E. A. Mills, of the United States Forest Service, will speak on "The Use of Forests" at the court house in Statesville on the evening of the 28th. Mr. Mills comes to Statesville under the auspices of the women's clubs and it is his desire and the desire of those who have secured the appointment, that he have a large general audience, not only of the townspeople, but people from the country, and especially the teachers of the rural schools.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

FOR MEN ONLY

R-est easy, and smoke a "RUGBY CIGAR,"
U-nequaled and proclaimed the BEST ONES by far,
G-reat comfort you'll find, they give after each meal,
B-uy a box from your dealer and much happier you'll feel.
Y-our troubles will all vanish in rich RUGBY smoke.

C-onsoled you'll feel, even if you are broke.
I-n introducing this brand, we give a neat RUGBY pin,
G-reat smokers all wear them, and don't think it's a sin,
A-ll wise men recommend this special brand,
R-ight now is the time, while your dealer has them on hand.

DAN BENTON, Fourth and Nun.
B. JONES, Front and Castle.
SOUTHSIDE DRUG CO., Front and Castle.
RICHARD PADRICK, Front and Wooster.
CHAS. MICHAELIS, Front and Dawson.
A. H. BENSON, Third and Wright.
B. B. BROWN, Fourth and Dawson.
CAROLINA CANDY STORE, Sixth and Castle.
NEW HANOVER CANDY STORE, 605 North Fourth.
E. J. CONWAY, 609 Castle Street.
T. J. VANN, Eighth and Castle.
W. J. MALLARD, Ninth and Queen.
PEOPLE'S CASH GROCERY, Seventh and Orange.
W. C. MUNDS, Ninth and Market.

The above is only a partial list of the local dealers handling the Rugby Cigars, as the supply of souvenir Rugby Foot Ball pins, were soon exhausted, a complete list will be given as soon as more pins arrive and can be placed in the hands of the local distrbutors.

CRESCENT CANDY COMPANY
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS
WILMINGTON :: :: :: NORTH CAROLINA.
de 20-6t.

$2.50 for $1.25

From now until January 1st we will sell every day instead of Saturday only Bunting's "Saturday Special" Cigars at $1.25 per box for cash. None at this price will be charged on the books and not less than a box will be sold at a time. This "Saturday Special" cigar is a genuine 10c cigar and makes a handsome and worthy Christmas gift for the most fastidious smoker. You will make no mistake in presenting one or more boxes of this cigar to your best friend, whether husband or sweetheart.

Bunting's "Havana Firsts" until January 1st, at special price of $1.75 per box of 50—an elegant 5c cigar.

J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.
"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has.
dec 20 tf

COAL :-: WOOD
—and—
Builders' Supplies
W. B. THORPE & CO.
Phone 789. Office, Foot Ann St.
nov 21 tf

LOSSES

ALWAYS adjusted PROMPTLY and SETTLED by us. We sell only FIRE PROTECTION that protects. :: :: ::

CLAYTON GILES & SON
Successors to Willard & Giles Co.
dec 20 tf

THE Southern National Bank

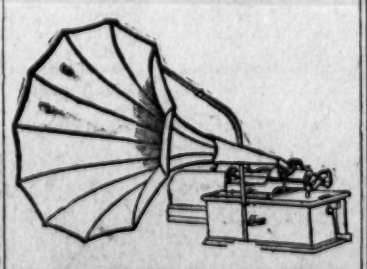
Extends its greetings to its patrons, and wishes all a happy Christmas.
de 24-tf.

The best Christmas present is something for the home.

The best thing for the home is an Edison Phonograph. Nothing makes home so inviting and so popular as this great and versatile entertainer.

You have a choice of seven models.

$12.50 to $60.00



J. W. Robinson & Co.
205 Princess Street.

ARE YOU UPSET
at the flimsiness of that job You needn't be at all, because cheap work is poor work. Nothing is ever well done at such prices. Any wagon or carriage put in order by us is as good as the best factory could make it. We are second to no one in this country. What we have done proves what we can do.

J. O. BROWN
13 N. Third Street. Phone 284.
dec 22 tf

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SMOKE
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CIGARS!
WHY ?
Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.
H. L. VOLLERS
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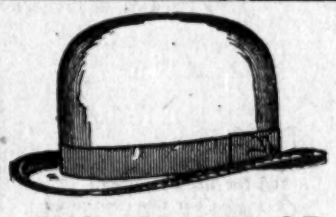

THE MONTH OF GIFTS

What shall I give for Christmas?

Every article in our holiday stock is an answer. Suits, Hats, Shirts, Caps, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Grips, Fancy Vests, Gloves and Ties are all appropriate gifts and will be appreciated.

HAMME
The Hatter and Clothier
24 NORTH FRONT STREET.
dec 20 tf

The Christmas Season

is at hand and Gifts for all must be provided.

Do you know of any gift to the family or friend which would be appreciated as much as one of our Bank Books with a few dollars to their credit?

Make the deposit today while this suggestion is fresh in your mind.

4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly will start Jan. 1st.

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.
MATT J. HEYER, President.
MILTON CALDER, Cashier.
Southern Bldg. Opp. Postoffice.
nov 18-tf.

EXCURSION RATES
VIA
ATLANTIC COAST LINE
ACCOUNT
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tickets on sale December 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1908 and January 1st, 1909, limited to return not later than January 6th, 1909.

For further information, reservations, etc. Phone 160.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
de 13 til ja 1

Dressed Turkeys, Geese, And Chickens.

Fresh Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams Raw or Boiled. Breakfast Bacon, Bologna Liver Pudding, Souce, German Metwurst, Genuine all Pork Sausage, Country Pig Pork, The finest Beef, VEAL, LAMB and Mutton to be found in the CITY. POLITE ATTENTION and QUICK DELIVERY OUR MOTTO.

HOPKINS & DAVIS
FOUR STALLS, FRONT STREET MARKET. PHONES 141 and 128
dec 12 tf

REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective November 29th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, No. 81 from New York and Washington, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. Gattis,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh, N. C.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	48.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 38.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:53 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	North-bound.	South-bound.
Lv. Wilmington..	3:30 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:35 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

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IT EATS DIRT

Gets all the dirt, all the time, every time.

The "Invincible" Renovator. The greater Proven efficiency of this machine over all devices and methods for renovating instantly commends its adoption where cost of labor, time and economy are a consideration. Carpets, rugs and draperies cleaned without wear or tear, give us a trial. Phone 870 and our representative will call to see you.

CAROLINA RENOVATING CO.
Rooms 23-27 Odd Fellows Bldg., Ire and Princess streets.
ja 4-tf.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO

THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 37c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year— spirits turpentine quiet 39 1-2; rosin quiet $2.55; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 7
Rosin 23
Tar 302
Crude Turpentine 21

Receipts, Same day last year, 20 casks spirits turpentine; 274 barrels rosin; 74 barels tar; 51 barels crude nominal.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 5-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, nominal.

Receipts—1,625 bales, same day last year 3,354 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 20th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 10; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 16c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Business in the cotton market was on the usual narrow pre-holiday scale and fluctuations were slight following an early flurry of covering by near month shorts. The close was steady at a net advance of 2 to 7 points. Sales were estimated at 125,000 bales. The market opened firm at an advance of 12 points on December on covering while the later months were 3 to 7 points higher, although cables were no better than due and there was no particularly bullish feature in the general news. The opening advance carried December up to 9.14 but at this price brokers supposed to be acting for the concentrated long interest showed a disposition to supply the needs of shorts as a result of which the price eased off slightly followed by other positions. Business was practically neglected after midday. The close was within 2 or 3 points of the top on the active months. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to 1-16c higher. Next Thursday will be the last January notice day in the local market and there was some buying of that position by shorts who expect it will assume the place of December with relation to Southern spot markets.

Receipts at the ports today were 52,860 bales against 49,952 last week and 34,000 last year; for the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 356,611 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 12,230 bales against 4,922 last year; and at Houston 7,470 bales against 8,939 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.30; middling gulf 9.55; sales 8,800 bales. Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open	Close
December	9.10	9.09
January	8.65	8.67
February	8.70	8.68
March	8.78	8.75
April	——	8.81
May	8.83	8.84
June	——	8.82
July	8.84	8.83
August	8.75	8.74
September	——	8.62
October	8.63	8.62

NEW YORK COTTON REPORT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The fear that the tide of cotton has turned and the certainty that the market has latterly shown a rather ominous resistance to pressure have caused sharp and rapid covering of short obligations, partly for local account, partly, it is supposed, for Southern account, and with it some advance in prices. This has occurred in spite of the census bureau's report on the ginning up to December 13, putting it close to 11,900,000 bales, or not more than about 80,000 bales below the total for the same period in 1904-05, the year of a crop, according to New York reckoning, of 13,654,000 bales. It has occurred too, in spite of a crop movement which, though smaller than recently, has continued quite large and also despite some slowing down of the dry goods business in this country, a rapidly increasing stock of raw cotton here, accompanied by predictions that the total is likely before the end of the year to reach 150,000 bales and the narrowness of the speculation from which the great mass of outside public probably holds aloof.

Some of the spot interests have been plainly inimical to an advance and Liverpool continues to send reports of poor trade, yet it appears that British mills, by their own admission, have made average profits during the year of no less than 16 per cent. as was publicly announced on Wednesday. It is conceded that the British trade has not been supplying itself so liberally with cotton as have the mills of America and the Continent of Europe. Some of the more cynical bulls are asking whether there is any connection between British reports of poor trade and the fact that British mills are not so well supplied with raw cotton as some of their competitors.

Meantime Southern hedges have had less effect here than recently and though the December premium over January fell the other day to 33 points, it afterward ran up to 42 in spite of a daily increase in the stock here latterly of over 6,000. It seems to be conceded that the deliveries of January contracts which may be made on December 31 are likely to be very large. The fortifying factors in the situation, the longs which the bulls are never tired of immediately passing and there are no spinners takings and the fact that the price is cheap. At any rate it is $10 a bale cheaper than it was a year ago.

It is believed, too, that the crest of the big wave of receipts at the South is past and that they will gradually decrease. The decreased arrivals at Houston and other interior towns are regarded as giving color to this belief.

Bears think that the latest ginning report makes it plain enough that big reserve stocks will be carried over to next season, that the crop is anywhere from 13,500,000 to 14,000,000 bales, that tariff agitation will interfere with trade, which is ,therefore, not likely to revive in the near future and that ultimately 13,000,000 to 13,200,000 bales of American cotton will be wanted by the world and that higher prices are certain, especially as the short interest is very large. December shorts had a disagreeable surprise in the sudden advance on Thursday in spite of the increasing local stock.

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Steady, 8 15-16; net receipts 13,616; stock 264,614.

New Orleans—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 12,230; stock 253,299.

Mobile—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 578; stock 75,756.

Savannah—Steady, 8 7-16; net receipts 8,260; stock 155,762.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 3-8; net receipts 845; stock 19,198.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 3-8; net receipts 1,625; stock 29,093.

Norfolk—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 2,792; stock 36,840.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; stock 27,626.

New York—Quiet, 9.30; net receipts 315; stock 169,078.

Boston—Quiet, 9.30, net receipts 222.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.55; net receipts 5,125; stock 3,724.

Total today, at all ports, Net 52,860; Great Britain 60,198; Continent 22,515; Japan 7,252; stock 1,095,684.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 301,390; Great Britain 185,519; France 20,742; Continent 92,225; Japan 11,754; Mexico 2,150.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 5,991,911; Great Britain 1,761,463; France 601,579; Continent 1,831,137; Japan 66,392; Mexico 4,102.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 7,470; stock 150,094.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 15-16; net receipts 1,458; stock 102,108.

Memphis—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 3,897; stock 178,712.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9.00; net receipts 932; stock 38,613.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,670; stock 18,931.

Louisville—Firm, 9.00.

Little Rock—(2 days) steady, 8 1-4; Net receipts 1,668; stock 46,549.

Total today—Net receipts 17,095; gross receipts 25,556; shipments 22,076; sales 3,654; stock 536,007.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton dull; prices 2 points higher. American middling fair 5.46; good middling 5.10; middling 4.92; low middling 4.72; good ordinary 4.21; ordinary 3.81.

The sales of the day were 4,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 3,100 American. Receipts 74,000 bales including 64,200 American. Futures opened and closed steady. December and January 4.72 1-2; January and February 4.72; February and March 4.71 1-2; March and April 4.71 1-2; April and May 4.72; May and June 4.72 1-2; June and July 4.73; July and August 4.72; August and September 4.65 1-2; September and October 4.61; October and November 4.57 1-2; November and December 4.56 1-2; December and January 4.56; January and February 4.55 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The holiday is on the dry goods market and most of the large houses will be closed until Monday. Cotton goods closed steadier and reports indicated more confidence in the future. Semi-fancy overcoating for Fall 1909 are being ordered well and three fourths worsteds are being placed under order in a fair volume. Yarns are quiet and prices are weak.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—With a closed interval of three days in prospect on account of the holiday from tonight until next Monday there was little disposition to operate on a large scale in stocks. New commitments were unimportant and the day's business was largely devoted to closing up contracts already open. This seemed to operate both ways in the market, serving to illustrate the decided confusion in which speculative sentiment stands at present. Short covering was in evidence at some points, which was left over from the active selling earlier in the week. In other quarters there was liquidation of long accounts. There was a pronounced movement in the Vanderbilt group in pursuance of the supposition that an early entry into active direction of the affairs of that property will be made by either Harriman. The railroad equipment stocks responded to reports of resumption of mill activities of some of these properties. American Smelting was weak and showed continuing effect of the formidable competition, said to be organizing in the field of industry. United States Steel was also inclined to be heavy and was affected by the moderate rate of expansion reported to be in progress in the steel industry. In the bond market there were traces of reinvestment demand. The tone was irregular. Total sales, par value, were $8,246,000. United States bonds remained unchanged on call for the week. Total sales of stocks today were 842,200 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Money on call steady 2 1-2 to 3 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 3, offered at 3 1-4. Time loans quiet and steady; sixty and ninety days 3 1-4 to 3 1-2 per cent. six months 3 1-2 to 3 3-4. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual busines in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.87 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 49 3-8. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg 103
U. S. refunding 2s cou 104
U. S. 3s reg 100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou 100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg 120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou 121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s 108 5-8
Atlantic Coast Line 4s 96 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 4s 101
L. & N. Unified 4s 101 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s b 64
Southern Railway 5s 109
U. S. Steel 5s 102 1-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper 82 1-4
Amr. Car & Foundry 49
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd ..106@110
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. 43 1-2
Amr. Locomotive 43 1-2
Amr. Locomotive 57 5-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref 81 3-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd 101
American Sugar Refining 128
Amr. Tobacco pfd 92 3-4
Atchison 97 1-8
Atchison pfd 102
Atlantic Coast Line 107 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 109 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd..... 91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio 57 5-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul. 148 3-4
Colorado and Southern 57
Erie 33 7-8
Erie 1st pfd 48 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd 39
Great Northern pfd 145 1-2
Kansas City Southern 41 1-4
Kansas City Southern pfd 70 1-2
L. & N. 122 1-4
Norfolk & Western 84 3-4
Northern Pacific 141 1-8
Pennsylvania 130
People's Gas 104 3-4
Reading 139 3-4
Rock Island Co. 23 5-8
Rock Island Co. pfd 61
Southern Pacific 119 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd 123 1-4
Southern Railway 25 5-8
Southern Railway pfd 59 1-2
Standard Oil Co. 690
Union Pacific 180 7-8
U. S. Steel 53 7-8
U. S. Steel pfd 112 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical 43 5-8
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd 113 1-4
Western Union ex div 67 1-2
Westinghouse Electric Co. 85 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

p New York, Dec. 24.—Flour dull bu tsteady.

Rye Flour—Firm.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Buckwheat—Dull.

Corn Meal—Quiet.

Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot irregular No. 2 1.05 3-8 to 1.06 7-8 elevator. Options easy 1-8 to 1-4c lower. December 1.07 5-8; May 1.11 1-8; July 1.05.

Corn—Spot firm No. 2, 65 to 65 1-4 to arrive elevator. Options net unchanged. December 66; May 67 5-8; July 67 5-8; September 67 5-8.

Oats—Quiet; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard—Easy.

Pork—Firm.

Tallow—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.17.

Coffee—Quiet No. 7 Rio 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8 mild dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Butter—Firmer; creamery specials 33; official prices 33; extras 42 1-2; third to first 23 to 31; held common to special 22 to 22 1-2; State rairy common to special 21 to 30.

Cheese—Quiet but firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Irregular; State, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white 40.

Peanuts and Freight—Quiet.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady.

Pineapples—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Generally steady in absence of bear pressure. Prime crude 30; prime summer yellow 38 1-2 to 40; prime white 29 1-2 to 32; prime winter yellow 44 to 50; off summer yellow 36 to 39; good off summer yellow 37 to 38.

THE RICE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The rice market has shown no activity of consequence, largely owing to the fact that distributors were busy with the holiday goods and purchased only as pressing needs required. In some jobbing circles a fairly good business was taken subject to January dating of bills but generally of inventories. Stress is still laid in local circles on the scarcity of Honduras sorts, the assortment of which is poor so that prices hold firm. The Japan situation is causing a difference of opinion in local circles. Some argue that the deadlock between miller and farmer must be broken in favor of the former, who, it is pointed out, will be helped by the lack of trade demand. Others say that the Japans are selling over a cent less than a year ago, and being so attractive will find a large buying movement from wholesale grocers. The government crop report may have caused some circles to pursue a waiting policy, as the major part of the yield is Japan rice, but in other quarters the estimates are considered too high.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wet weather in Argentina imparted strength to the wheat market here today, final quotations showing net gains of 1-4 to 1-2c. Corn, oats and provisions closed easy.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
Dec.	1 02 7-8	1 03	1 02 1-2
May	1 06 7-8	1 07 3-8	1 07
July	98 3-8	98 7-8	98 5-8
Corn.			
Dec.	57 1-4	57 5-8	57 1-8
May	61 1-8	61 1-4	60 7-8
July	61 1-8	61 3-8	61
Oats.			
Dec.	50	50 1-2	49 5-8
May	52 1-8	52 3-8	51 3-4
July	47	47 1-8	46 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	16 20	16 27 1-2	16 22 1-2
May	16 55	16 55	16 45
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 50	9 52 1-2	9 47 1-2
May	9 72 1-2	9 75	9 70
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 37 1-2	8 40	8 35
May	8 75	8 75	8 67 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat 1.06 to 1.08; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.07; No. 2 red 1.04 5-8 to 1.04 3-4. No. 2 corn 58 1-4; No. 2 yellow 58 1-4. No. 2 white oats 50 1-2 to 51; No. 3 white 49 to 51 1-2. No. 2 rye 53. Good feeding barley 59 1-2. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.47. Prime timothy seed 3.80. Clover contract grades 9.10. Short ribs, sides (loose) 8.32 1-2 to 8.37 1-2. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.75 to 14.87 1-2. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.47 1-2. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.62 1-2.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Rosin steady; turpentine firm.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm 38; sales 602; receipts 754; shipments 1,138.

Rosin firm; sales 3,026; receipts 3,038; shipments 1,471; stock 158,159.

Quote: A. B. C. D. E. 3.02 1-2; F, 3.02 1-2 to 3.05; G, 3.02 1-2 to 3.05; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.15; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, S. C. Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm 37 3-4. Rosin firm, quote: to special 22 to 22 1-2; State dairy

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Str. Lyon, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—15 bales cotton; 17 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—245 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,226 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 23 barrels rosin; 5 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—115 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 49 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—46 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—12 bales cotton; 185 barrels tar.

Schr. Geneva Moore—12 bales cotton.

Total—1,625 bales cotton; 7 casks spirits turpentine; 23 barrels rosin; 302 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

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Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, C. D. Maffitt.

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NIGHT RIDERS THREATEN MURDER

Tennessee Roughs Intimidate Witnesses in Reelfoot Lake Trial.

WITNESSES IN DANGER

Warned If They Testify They Will be Killed on Witness Stand—More White Capping and Klu Kluxing Going On.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Instead of resting with the testimony it had submitted, the State decided today to offer more evidence against the night riders and summoned Thos. H. Cloar as its first witness. Thos. H. Cloar is no relative of the defendant, Arthur Cloar. Thos. H. Cloar was induced to join the night riders by Arthur Cloar early in October.

The witness was cool but careful, for on last Sunday a friend of one of the men on trial approached Cloar and told him if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand. He was missing for an hour or two last night and the State feared he had been abducted or killed. An armed party found him at his home in Clayton, however.

On the day of Captain Rankin's murder, Cloar went to Reelfoot Lake for fish and met Rob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. Huffman told him they had waited him to join them in order to get information as to how Union City was guarded, as they wanted to visit that place and "attend to " Judge Jones, Attorney General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man 80 years old, Judge Waddell and a number of other prominent men who were urging the extermination of the night riders band.

The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Rankin and Taylor that night and he was urged to ride with them. He told them he had no gun, that his child was ill and that he could not go. Prior to this hour he had burned his mask and told his wife he would never go with the riders again. He was not present when Rankin was killed. He talked with Arthur Cloar, the defendant, a few days after the killing.

The latter told the witness all the details of the murder, and said that he was present when the act was committed.

Dr. E. M. White, while visiting near the lake the night of the Rankin murder, was approached by a masked rider who was armed with a revolver. The man demanded guns and got an automatic pump gun belonging to Dr. White's host, John Moore. The gun was returned the next day. The doctor did not recognize the man as he spoke in a falsetto voice.

William Roberts, a Reelfoot Lake man, was solicited by Arthur Cloar to join them. He refused, whereupon Cloar told him the riders proposed to "get" Judge Harris, whip him and cut off his head, "and when we get him," said Cloar, "you will have to go whether you want to or not."

The night riders were never able to get Harris, who was one of the owners of the West Tennessee Land Company, because he was guarded at all times. His home at Tiptonville is a veritable fort. The grounds and approaches to it are electrically mined and it could stand a siege of weeks. Whether this was known to the night riders is not definitely known, but they never attempted to raid Harris' home.

The court adjourned until Monday.

More Ku Kluxing.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—On an indictment from the court of Humphrey county, six men were brought to this city and are in jail today charged with white capping and ku kluxing. The order for their arrest was signed by the clerk of the Humphrey county circuit court. Besides these six, fourteen more men were arrested yesterday in Humphrey county, upon similar charges.

The first trouble leading up to the arrest of the men was when a farmer living up the river, from Waverly was whipped because he sold his small crop of peanuts for a smaller sum than it was thought he should have demanded. Those confined here are Walter and John Morrow, Rob Wright, J. H. Cuff, Charles Hite and Andrew Baker.

VICTIM OF BRUTAL ASSASSIN.

Richmond Woman Was Almost Killed by Unknown Burglar.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—Miss Florence Jones, the grand niece of the Rev. J. William Jones, chaplain to Robert E. Lee, during the Civil War, and now grand chaplain of the Grand Camp United Confederate Veterans, was attacked and almost killed in her home in this city tonight by an unknown burglar.

Miss Jones was sitting with the family when she started upstairs and had reached the top of the steps when she uttered a scream and the family heard her fall. A base ball bat by her side was the weapon used. The burglar had evidently been surprised by her and felled her with a blow. Physicians tonight hold out some hope of her recovery.

Christmas Presents.

Have you opened an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister or Child as a Christmas present? The Pass Book you receive will make a practical gift, you can open an account from twenty-five cents up. 3t

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HAINS TRIAL NEAR END

Favorable Testimony For Brother of Slayer of William E. Annis—Capt. Hains Was In Bad Shape—Proceedings.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 24.—With the exception of one or two witnesses who will be heard on minor points, the State's case against Thornton J. Hains is practically closed. The defense will outline its case to the jury on Saturday after the prosecution rests.

When the defendant returned to the Long Island jail tonight he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its charge that he was one of the principals in the killing of William E. Annis.

Before leaving the court Hains declared that he felt that his acquittal was only a matter of days.

District Attorney Darrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry L. Jesperson, a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of their principal witnesses. Jesperson's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over water front property at Douglaston, near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Bugg, about some property near the Bayside Yacht club.

Mr. Jesperson further stated that Hains had postponed the real estate negotiations because of the illness of his brother. The lawyers for Hains were delighted at Jesperson's testimony. Mr. Darrin's purpose in calling the former real estate dealer is not apparent.

An incident of interest in today's session was the demand of John F. McIntyre for the arrest of Martin Skura, an 18-year-old cabman, who swore that he had made a false statement to Hains' lawyers, believing that they were newspaper men. Skura was excused after a grilling cross-examination in which he admitted making several false declarations in the statement given to counsel for the defense. He was not arrested.

The defense hopes to conclude the case next week. Mr. McIntyre drew from Jesperson that an appointment had been made at the realty office for the defendant to go to Bayside to see some property which Mr. Bugg had for sale near the yacht club.

Mr. Jesperson said that Mr. Hains told him over the telephone that his brother was in bad shape and the real estate deal would have to be postponed.

Bernard Glasser, a real estate man, who qualified as a revolver expert, was about to testify when Justice Crane wanted to know the purpose of it.

"I don't want it to be claimed by the defense that one pull of the trigger is sufficient to discharge eight shots in a fraction of a second," was the reply by Mr. Darrin.

The testimony was permitted and Mr. Glasser demonstrated the mechanism of the revolver with which Annis was killed. Glasser said the trigger had to be pulled for each of the shells, the recoil of each shot re-loading the revolver. The quickest time the shots could be fired according to a test made was 1 4-5 seconds.

On cross examination, Mr. McIntyre directed the witness to load the revolver and go into the gallery and give the jury a demonstration.

"I won't allow it," said Justice Crane.

The witness then took the unloaded revolver and discharged it as rapidly as he could.

Justice Crane said he would adjourn court until Saturday when the district attorney could produce his other witness, a policeman.

PROHIBITION VICTORY

Federal Courts Have No Jurisdiction in State Regulations.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—State prohibition won a victory in the United States Circuit Court here today when a decision was handed down by Judge W. T. Newman dismissing a petition attacking the constitutionality of the Georgia Prohibition law. Judge Nawman did not pass upon the constitutionality of the law but dismissed the petition on the ground of non-jurisdiction, holding that it was a matter for the State courts and could reach Federal courts only by a writ of error from the State Supreme Court.

The suit was a petition for injunction by the Christian Noerlein Brewing Company, of Cincinnati, and the Chattanooga Brewing Company, to enjoin Atlanta City officials from prosecuting alleged violations of the law. The petition attacked the constitutionality of the law on three grounds.

First, that the prohibition bill contained a duality of subject matter, in violation of the State constitution.

Second, that the Legislature exceeded its authority in destroying a thing (the sale of liquor) which the State constitution specifically recognizes as taxable.

Third, that the identical bill did not receive a constitutional majority in both houses of the Legislature.

One man was killed and three other men and a woman were seriously burned while the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves in a fire that wrecked the five-story apartment house at 122 West 127th street, New York, early yesterday.

With the passing of an even month since the Norwegian steamer Stickenstad left Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 24, for Sydney, N. S., the mariners interested in the vessel gave up nearly all hope of ever seeing her again. It is generally believed that the steamer sank with all on board during the terrific gales of early December. Ordinarily the passage across occupies about a week.

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LABOR CIRCLES ARE INDIGNANT

Prominent Men Send Messages of Sympathy To Convicted Labor Leaders.

BRYAN SENDS TELEGRAM

Deep Regret Over Court's Decision, Sentencing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to Jail—Denounced as Un-American.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—William Jennings Bryan was chief among nearly two score of men, the majority of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who today sent messages expressive of their cordial sympathy to President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor.

The messages which came from every section of the country and voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, convey feelings of regret over the court's decision, extend moral and financial support, and in some instances, express indignation.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram dated Pittsburg, addressed to Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison says:

"Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing law. Glad you are taking appeal."

"What act upon the part of organized wage-earners will, in your opinion, be most useful to re-establish freedom of the press and of speech?" asks H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in a telegram from St. Louis, addressed to Mr. Gompers.

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, expresses sincere regret at what he considers "an unjust and un-American sentence" upon the labor leaders. He says:

"You are clearly the victims of a judge-made law, which is wholly unconstitutional. It should be caried to the highest court and contested to the bitter end, and pledge you to united support of our association to that end."

That history will place the names of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison on the roll of honor with those men who have made real sacrifices for human uplift is the declaration of John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, in a message from Bloomington, Ill.

Judge Parker Speaks.

New York, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the sentence imposed yesterday by Justice Wright against the officers of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt proceedings growing out of the Bucks Stove and Range Company, former Judge Alton B. Parker, of counsel for the Federation officers, today declared the decision of Justice Wright would be subjected to review by a higher tribunal and that he had a confident belief "that the speaking and writing which Justice Wright holds constitutes contempt of court, cannot be prevented either by statute or judicial decree."

"The constitution of every State," said Mr. Parker, "provides in effect that every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right, and that no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

"In a number of instances attempts have been made to invoke the aid of the courts to restrain the publication of cartoons or written matter claimed to be libelous but the courts have ever held that the constitution prohibits any censorship over the press, either by the executive, the legislative or the judicial department of government."

Abridges Right of Free Speech.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—The officers of the United Mine Workers of America, in Alabama, sent to President Roosevelt today the following telegram:

"Representing the United Mine Workers of America, in Alabama, we emphatically protest against the conviction and sentence to penal servitude of those great leaders of the American labor movement, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. They may have violated the law, but we believe the decision is in violation of the constitution of the United States and abolishes the right of free press and free speech."

It is signed by J. A. McKennamar, president, and J. D. Ciemo, secretary-treasurer District No. 20, and by W. R. Fairly, member international legislative board, United Mine Workers of America.

TRIED TO KILL FAMILY

Virginia Dentist Shot Wife and Child and Attempted Self Destruction.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cameron, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Dr. M. C. McCracken, a dentist of this place, today shot his wife and fatally wounded his two year old child, it is said, after having quarreled with his wife. He then turned the gun on himself, but it failed to explode, and Mrs. McCracken succeeded in taking it from him.

After the shooting the mother picked up the child and started for the home of her grand father, W. M. Kincard, about four squares away. The blood was streaming from the wound in her back and that in the child's head. The baby died shortly after reaching the Kinkard home.

McCracken was arrested at his home and taken to Moundsville jail tonight.

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PITTSBURG'S CORRUPTION

Banks Paid Councilmen $176,000 in Bribes to Secure City's Deposits. Voters' League is Prosecuting Grafters.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—That at least $176,000 was paid councilmen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established through evidence submitted and statements furnished by the Voters' League and the Scranton, Pa., detectives employed by the league to give this city a municipal house-clearing.

Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not been established. Officers of but one bank have so far been arrested and they are charged with the payment of only $17,500 of these alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the probe.

Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make contracts with the banks as authorized by councils, on the ground that they were illegal, said tonight that the selection of the depositories is void becausce secured by bribery and fraud and that councils can set them aside without the formality of court proceedings. The period for which the depositories were selected expires early in February.

The Voters League has been assured of all the financial backing needed, it was stated by Vice President H. D. W. English tonight.

The league depends wholly upon voluntary contrubutions by Mr. English said that any amount up to $500,000 can be secured any time it is needed without effort, proffers having been made by leading wealthy men of the city.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Conditions Have Improved—Manufacturers Are Hopeful.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co's. Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Retail sales hove been large both of holiday goods and staples, but seasonable dullness is noted in jobbing and wholesale lines. Little change occurs in prices, most commodities rising where alteration is found.

Aside from some complaints at the South, attributed to the low price of cotton, trade reports indicate much greater activity than a year ago, while the improvement in sentiment is still more striking, and the recovery in security values was accelerated by purchases made in anticipation of January dividend investments.

No change has occurred in the primary market for cotton goods nor is any to be expected until January.

Manufacturers have confidence that orders will appear freely when the strong statistical situation is disclosed by the inventories now being taken.

Footwear markets are exceptionally active for the season, manufacturers receiving goods orders regardless of the holidays and jobbers who were disposed to defer operations last week are now placing contracts freely.

Leather is seasonably quiet without any evidence of weakness. Retail trade in drygoods wos not large at the East but very favorable reports are received from the West.

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A CARD.

J. G. Littig, Jr., who will leave here the first week of January, wishes to say farewell to friends and trade and especially to thank his customers for their patronage during the time he was engaged here in business. Mr. Littig will travel in the Far West for a large Louisville concern and wishes for nothing better than the fair, honest and courteous treatment he has received here.

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TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION!

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In Doll Babies for the home Christmas tree or Sunday Schools, sold exclusively at wholesale prices in all kinds and styles from 1c each to $7.50 each. Our line of 10c dolls are 15 inches tall with bisque heads with hair and teeth and movable limbs, a doll that is worth 25c you can buy from us at 10c each.

Ladies Cloaks—We have just bought a large assortment of new samples at half price. A $7.00 Cloak sold for $3.98; $5.00 Cloak for $2.69; a $10.00 Cloak for $5.00. A big reduction in Cloaks all through the line. Remember we have hundreds of cloaks to sell and the price is no object. A beautiful assortment of Bear skin Cloaks just received today for the children. Listen for the Christmas chimes and be ready on time, and let us help you out in getting together the assortment of presents that you want. Remember, the store that has fifty clerks and each one is anxious to please you.

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